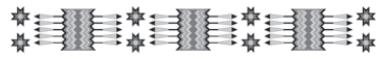




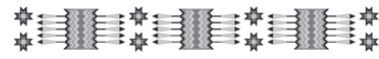
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Ada, Oklahoma

August 30 in Tishomingo

Constitution Celebration welcomes everyone

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Historic Capitol City of Tishomingo will host the 150th anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution August 30, 2006 at Pennington Park near Good Spring.

An evening of fun, food, music and festivities is planned to capture the spirit of the time when the Chickasaw Constitution established the modern government of the Chickasaw Nation.

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to enjoy a one-act play, picnic dinner, gospel singing, period dress costume contest, sack races, three legged races, ring toss, horseshoe games and numerous other activities.

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners of the student Constitution Day art contest and student Constitution Day essay contest at the 150th celebration.

A total of \$1,000 will be awarded in the student art competition celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution. The deadline to submit artwork is August 18. For more information regarding submission criteria, or a copy of the official rules, contact Laura Morrison at (580) 332-1092.

Likewise, \$1,000 in prize money will be awarded to win-

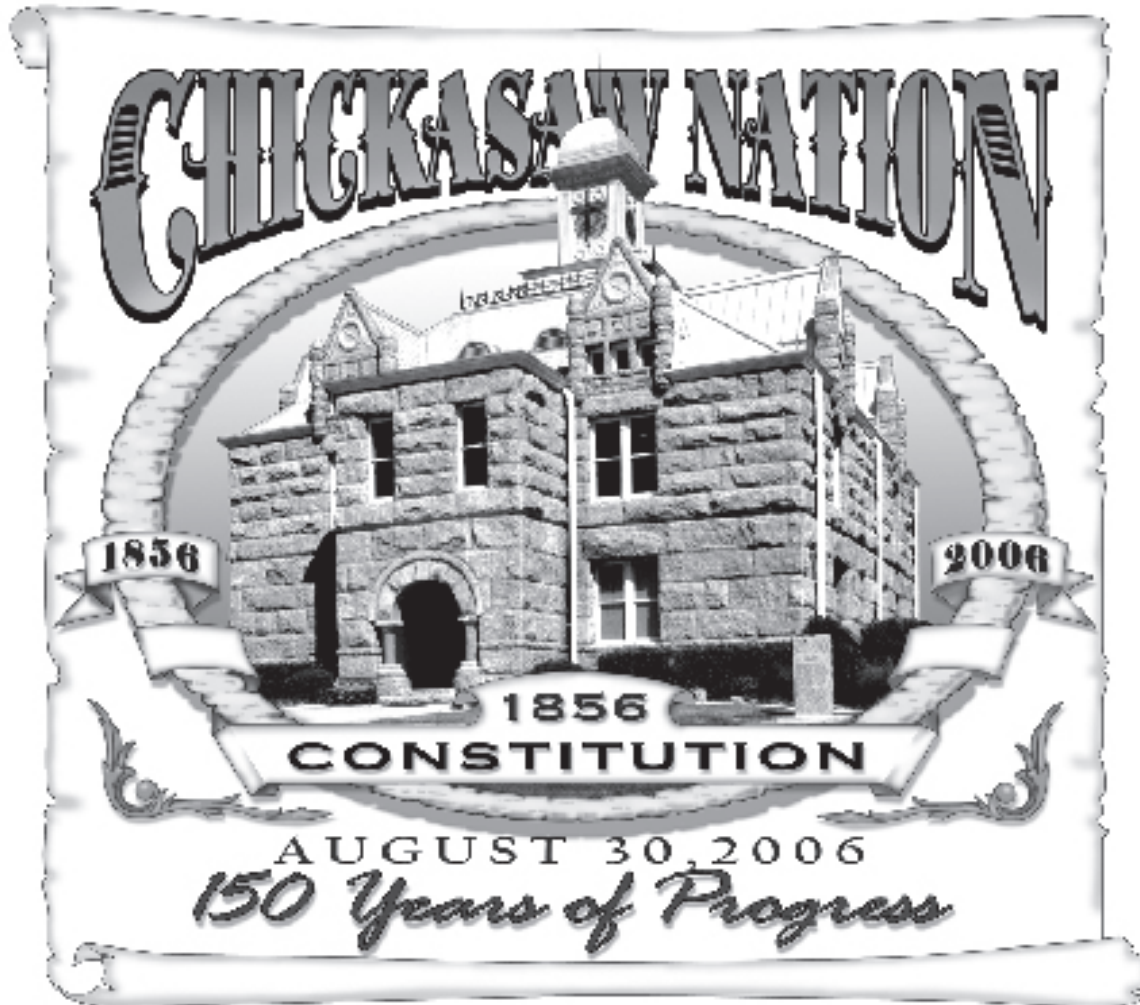
ners in the student essay contest celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution. The deadline for essay contest entries is July 31, 2006. For more information, contact

Penny Watson or Robert Pickens at (580) 421-7711

Also available at the celebration will be a variety of commemorative items, including replicas of the 1856 Constitu-

tion, crystal paperweights with an image of the historic Chickasaw Capitol and much more.

For more information on the celebration, contact Sheilla Brashier at (580) 332-1165.



Chickasaw Nation forecasts 2007 financial outlook

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation tribal officials have forecast what looks to be a bright financial future for fiscal year 2007. Expected outlays totaling more than \$500 million are expected

for programs, services, business operations, capital improvements and new construction.

Tribal government officials project a record growth year for the delivery of programs and

services. As part of his annual request to the tribal legislature, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation Bill Anoatubby forecasts tribal dollars spent for the people's programs and services will exceed \$68 million, almost double that of FY 2006.

Included in the request is funding for the operation of a new senior site in Duncan and for a new assisted-living benefit for tribal elders. Three million dollars in additional funds has been requested for education. That request would bring total tribal dollars dedicated to education to more than \$8 million. The education division plans to implement several new programs

including a new lap top computer program for Chickasaw students, a Chickasaw Honor Society and increased funding for Chickasaw students scholarships and grants.

Tribal health programs also forecast continued program growth. Tribal officials have requested an additional \$2.5 million to meet the increasing need for Chickasaw health care. Tribal health programs consist of, but are not limited to, the eyeglasses program, elders' prescriptions, and hearing aid and denture programs.

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RSVP by July 28

Hall of Fame inductions set for August 11

ADA, Okla. - Reservations are being accepted for the 2006 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame induction ceremony 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 11 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex and convention center in Ada. Chickasaw citizen and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.

Rep. Cole is a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame as is his late mother Helen Cole and his aunt, Te Ata Fisher. Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

Four individuals will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this year. Mary Stone McClendon, better known as Ataloa, who died in 1967, and Charles David Carter, who died in 1929, will be inducted posthumously. Family members will accept the awards. James E. Amerson and Catherine Pickens Willmond are scheduled to be present when they are inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

The event will host approximately 500 guests. Live music and a banquet-style meal are planned. Dress for the event is coat and tie. **Reservations must be made by July 28.** For reservations, contact Leta Burwell, 520 East Arlington, Ada, OK 74820 or call (580) 436-7259.

Ground broken on Sick Child Care Center

What do you do when your little one has the sniffles or is running a slight fever and you get that dreaded call from the daycare? Usually, parents must take time off from work to care for their mildly ill children.

The Chickasaw Nation has provided a solution for working parents. It is called The Chickasaw Nation Sick Child

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**REGULAR SESSION****David Stout Building****Ada, Oklahoma****May 19, 2006****AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling (Late arrival; 9:03 a.m.), Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Member absent: Beth Alexander

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Sharon Nelson, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Carol McCurdy, Ron Frazier, Traile G. Glory, Lynn Stumblingbear, Leslie Rogers, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - April 21, 2006

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve the April 21, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Briggs.

A correction was made to the minutes. Ms. Green and Ms. Briggs amended their motions to reflect the amendment.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes vote

The motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2006, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods**

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 23-065, Approval of Supplemental Funding Request for the Department of Education Services - Higher Education Program

This resolution approves a budgetary supplement of \$3,300,000 for the Department of Education Services' higher education program. Funding will be used to administer graduate undergraduate, clothing grants and textbook grants for the upcoming summer and fall semesters.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to approve GR23-065. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Mr. Seawright suggested to amend the last paragraph to read, "Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Department of Education Services' higher education program is requesting supplemental funding in the amount of \$3,300,000.00 to provide undergraduate and graduate grants, clothing grants and textbook grants to Chickasaw college students for the summer and fall 2006 semesters."

Ms. Briggs and Ms. Green amended their motions to approve GR23-065 as stated by Mr. Seawright.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-065, as amended, carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 23-063, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a daycare center to be located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. A development budget will be submitted at a later date as a Phase II of this project for the total development cost.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR23-063. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,

Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-063 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-070, Resolution in Support of Research Project (Karen Goodnight)

This resolution approves and supports Karen Goodnight's project of researching Chickasaw history, culture and traditions by interviewing Chickasaw citizens. Ms. Goodnight's project is being performed as an element of the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to approve GR23-070. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-070 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 23-066, Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County (Tribal Tract No. 479-A)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of T.S. Dudley Land Company, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who has submitted an acceptable bid of \$600.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$6,000.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1,500.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 20.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$30.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$7.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-066. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-066 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-067, Right-of-Way Easement in Marshall County

This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for construction of a road upon property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation in the Town of Oakland, Marshall County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-067. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

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Current Chickasaw successes built on strength of our ancestors

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

One hundred and seventy years ago, Chickasaws traveled to a new place they would call home. The time of Removal from our homelands was very difficult, and Chickasaw people faced struggle, hunger and death. Although Chickasaw leaders negotiated a better move than most other tribes, it was a tremendously hard and emotional experience.

The one thing Chickasaws brought with them to this new land, along with a few material goods, was strength. The Chickasaw Nation had existed for many centuries and the people maintained the bonds that would keep the culture alive and vigorous.

The Chickasaw people came

to this new land not by choice, but by order of the federal government. In this new place, Chickasaw people would put down new roots, build new communities and establish new schools and businesses. And they would preserve their government and their way of life.

Our Chickasaw ancestors were adaptable. They worked together, forged new partnerships and built up their government. The Chickasaw Constitution was ratified at Good Spring in 1856, a momentous event in Chickasaw history which we will celebrate this year. The constitution demonstrated the Chickasaws' recognition of the importance of tribal organization and providing for the common welfare of the people.

In the decades that followed, federal policy regarding the Chickasaw Nation, and other



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Indian tribes, was unsettled and often punitive. As we know, the federal government even tried to eliminate our tribe and others completely. However, the strength of the Chickasaw people would not allow it.

That strength, plus the patience and endurance of the Chickasaws who lived and worked before us, have led us to this exceptional time in our his-

tory. Our tribe is now achieving a degree of commercial success which allows us to invest in those critically important building blocks Chickasaw people require – education, housing, health care, nutrition – the essentials for good lives.

The commerce in which our tribe is now engaged is competitive, challenging and ever-changing. We must always be vigilant because business conditions can change radically in short periods of time. We must project the challenges we will face and make plans to deal with them before they come. We must display the strength passed down to us by the Chickasaws who preceded us.

All these elements of our tribal businesses are worth every effort we can muster. Our businesses are worth our commitment because of the

Chickasaw student who now has the wonderful opportunity to attend college; the Chickasaw family who now can enjoy the peace and security of owning a nice home; the Chickasaw patient who now can have a full life thanks to exceptional health care; the Chickasaw elder who can look forward to a nutritious, hot meal every day.

We honor the Chickasaws who have come before us by providing the essential building blocks for good lives today.

Your tribal government is committed to our common Chickasaw welfare, and to creating the funding we require to operate the very finest tribal programs in the country.

Those Chickasaws who traveled the trail 170 years ago would expect nothing less.

Tribal program places 4,000 computers in Chickasaw homes

Nearly 4,000 families are now enjoying in-home computer access thanks to the Chickasaw Nation Computer Literacy and Distribution program. This popular tribal program refurbishes and distributes excess tribal computers as well as computers donated by businesses and government agencies.

"As far as I know, this is the largest program of its kind in the state, and maybe in all of Indian country," said Cliff Jones, director of the program. "I think we're at the cutting edge of getting technology into the hands of people who need it."

Implemented in February, 2002 to make computer equipment available to students, elders and others who may be unable to afford it, the program is providing a much needed service, according to Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"Computers have become such an important part of everyday life on the job and at home, computer equipment and literacy is becoming more and more of a necessity," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Our goal is to ensure every Chickasaw has access to the equipment and training they need to keep pace with technological innovations."

As technology has advanced in the four years the program has been in operation, the program itself has worked to keep pace, upgrading equipment and offering additional services.

"Any Chickasaws who received computers in the early stages of the program can bring those in and we will swap those out for you," said Jones. "We don't give out anything less than a Pentium II computer now."

Another recent feature of the program is the addition of repair services.

"If someone needs an extra hard drive or some other repair work we do that for free," said Jones.

Providing more avenues for training is another priority of the program.

"We still provide the Video Professor CD with all of our machines," said Jones.

Those enjoying the benefits of the program range from elementary students to tribal elders.

"We've taken some to senior sites and to individual elders," said Jones. "They love it. They're able to email grandkids and do things they couldn't otherwise do. They will get a computer and take classes at the senior site and they're able to go

home and practice and actually use it."

Although most equipment is distributed in Oklahoma, computers have also been distributed to Chickasaw citizens as far away as Washington state.

Those who live out of the area, however, need to arrange for transportation. It is not uncommon for local citizens to take a computer with them when they visit out of state relatives.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Businesses, agencies benefit by donating computer equipment

While the computer distribution program has delivered almost 4,000 computers, there continues to be an ongoing need for equipment.

"Donations to the program not only benefit those who receive the equipment, they can also benefit the donor's bottom line," said Cliff Jones, director of the program.

Estimates of the costs associated with disposal, storage, handing down to other employees or selling used equipment range up to \$400 per computer.

By donating to the program,

Carl Albert lab receives CAP accreditation

ADA, Okla. - The Carl Albert Indian Hospital clinical laboratory was recently inspected by a team from the College of American Pathologists (CAP). CAP is an internationally recognized organization that evaluates labs on a number of criterion.

The clinical laboratory is among 6,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide. Chickasaw Nation Health System laboratory manager Michael Percy said he was pleased the laboratory was able to maintain accreditation.

"An accredited laboratory

should have high standards regarding quality control and quality management within the laboratory to ensure accurate, timely testing for the diagnostic needs of the facility," Percy said.

The laboratory assists physicians in patient diagnosis by analyzing body fluids such as blood and urine for indicators of disease.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Rep in Chickasha

CHICKASHA, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on July 17 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Great opportunity for students in Constitution essays



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! June is really hot and dry here. We are praying for rain as the fire danger increases in Oklahoma.

Kudos to our students of the year from Ada: Justin Nail and Joy Barrick, Ada High School; Chris Tiger and Taylor Howard, Ada Junior High School; Zachary Garcia, Jordan Workman, Cherokee Truelove and T'Ata Roberts, Willard School; Alexis Walker, Stormy Yargee, Mikayla Hook and Kamron Large, Washington School; Kra Sarah Durant, Cole Keeling, Cedar Easterling and Hannah Johnson, Hayes School; and Daryn Berry-

hill, Jefferson McDonald, Reese Hamilton and Kara Haines, Glenwood School. We also had many Chickasaw art students place in several categories at the Red Earth Festival.

I would like to remind all Chickasaw students that there is an essay contest to be held in conjunction with the 150th year celebration of our Chickasaw Constitution. The first Chickasaw Constitution was ratified by Chickasaw voters in 1856; the current Constitution was ratified by Chickasaw voters in 1983. Prizes will be awarded to Chickasaw junior and senior high school students. The essays are to be between 1,000 and 1,100 words in length and relative to

the Constitution, including how the current Chickasaw Constitution defines the structure of the Chickasaw tribal government. The Constitution continues to be the "law of the land," even after 150 years. Good luck to all who write essays!

May was a busy month for our Health System Employees. Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In the month of May, 2006, there were 207 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,541. May Emergency Room visits were 1,000. May saw 290 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,373 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,630 patients in May. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,071 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,244. The Durant Clinic saw 2,961 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,736 in May.

Until next month, may you each enjoy good health. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

You can prevent diabetes with help of tribal program



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

You may have "pre-diabetes," and SDPP can slow down or prevent it from developing further. SDPP will help you monitor your health, and offer you great ideas on healthy eating and exercise.

You are worth it!

Call today for information at (800) 851-9136; (580) 436-3980; or (580) 421-4532. Contact people are Martha Eck, Ada; Nola Runyon, Ardmore; Wade Boyles, Purcell; and Shon McCage, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

I had the honor of attending a tribal education banquet in May and it was tremendous! This banquet was May 23 at Davis and it recognized many of our students who are engaged in technology, vo-tech and GED education.

It was such a joy to see all our people who are achieving success through better education. I believe education is such an important key for our future generations. More Chickasaws than ever are now attending college, university or other institutions of higher education. These students are gaining the knowledge and skills they need to be great successes in life.

I am so very proud of each and every one of them.

You are at risk for diabetes. Yes, you. As an Indian, you are as much as twice as likely to contract this disease as the general U.S. population. Also, if your family has diabetes in its history, or if you weigh more than you should, you have an increased chance of becoming diabetic.

But there is good news. You can actually prevent diabetes from coming into your life!

We have a great program called Special Diabetes Prevention Program (SDPP). Through SDPP you will learn excellent lifestyle techniques that can actually prevent diabetes, plus you will feel better!

Fight against diabetes can be won; continued investment in research key



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

In June 2006, the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee met with several key players in the reauthorization for diabetes dollars in Indian country.

As a result of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and several key players, Congress has allocated moneys for diabetes that started at \$30 million annually. We are currently receiving \$150 million per year that is allocated through Indian Health Service to the different tribes across our nation.

The Chickasaw Nation has been one of those recipients. We, like many other tribes, have used those dollars to improve the prevention and treatment of diabetes and the services we

provide to our patients receiving care through the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

It will require hard work on all of our parts to assure that the dollars continue to be allocated. The current funding that has been approved by Congress will end in 2008. It may seem early to you, but dollars in Washington, D.C. are hard to come by. There are several competing factors which include other special interest groups, inflation, regular congressional allocations, and the war in terror to name a few.

We are working to build an e-mail address list of those who would like to be part of a grassroots movement to assure that the dollars continue for the treatment and prevention of diabetes. If you would like to be on that list, please send me your e-mail address to judy.parker@chickasaw.net. That address will be forwarded to a list that will be created by the National Indian Health Board. What will then happen is that you may be contacted from time to time with updates as well as requests to write letters to your congressman or senator. Our efforts will not be in vain. We believe that reauthorization is a possibility and would love to have you be a part of the campaign.

Ours is an important cause. I

was recently told of a story in which a health care presentation looked back at the historic fight against polio. They discussed the iron lungs, loss of life, and subsequent immunization that virtually eradicated polio in our country. Our hope is that we will be doing the same presentation some day related to diabetes.

As always, I look forward to visiting with you. Your Legislator and servant.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

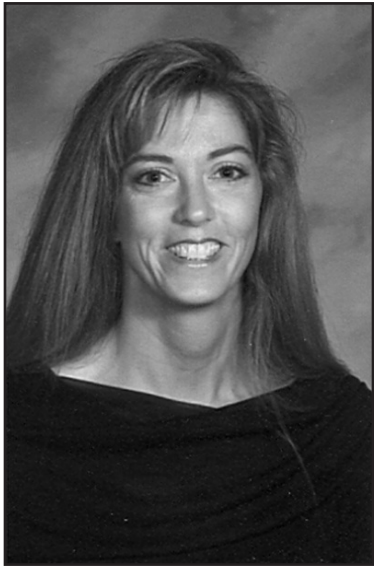
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Part-time students to be eligible for clothing grants

Part-time Chickasaw college students will be eligible for clothing grants beginning with the upcoming Fall term.

Chickasaw students enrolled in at least six credit hours per semester will be eligible for the grant. A clothing grant Visa card of \$200 will be issued for every 14 undergraduate hours completed, or every 15 graduate hours.

Entrepreneurship Academy offers excellent instruction, site visits



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma! Seeing the pictures of the graduating seniors is nice. It is a reminder that the roots of our people run deep, extend far, and touch many lives. I am proud to say that there was a graduating senior in my household this year. We are excited to see what the future holds for our son and pray blessings upon the other tribal graduates. If you have any questions about the services that the tribe offers please feel free to contact me. It would be my pleasure to assist you.

Over the past few months I have gone to many exciting Chickasaw events. Just recently, I attended the graduating ceremonies for the Entrepreneurship Academy of 2006. The camp was held on the campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. Leadership instruction was provided by the professors of the John Massey School of Business at SOSU. The Chickasaw students were instructed on a variety of

business operations. Each student developed their own business plan and presented it at the end of the week. Guest speakers were brought in to educate the students over various aspects of starting, running and owning their own business. Graduating seniors that completed all the camp requirements were awarded a lap top computer at the closing ceremonies. During the week the students toured local businesses, Bedre' Chocolate factory, Sundowners Trailer factory, Cardinal Glass and The Lazer Zone. When visiting with the students, only positive comments were heard. It was exciting to see Chickasaws from various locations across the United States come together not only to learn but make new friends.

Enos Chickasaw Community Council sponsored a Music Fest the first weekend of May. Even under the threat of inclement weather, activities continued. There was a variety of entertainment and a silent auction. Kudos to the cook, the buffalo burgers were excellent! The council pulled together and did a wonderful job. I can't wait for next year.

On May 27 Chickasaw West hosted a gathering at Santee Lake. We had a great time. Chickasaws from various places were in attendance. I was happy to see some new faces in the crowd this year. Yours truly, cooked the burgers and hotdogs. It was a good time of fellowship and those in attendance were given chocolate from our very own Bedre' Chocolate Factory! I want to extend a big thanks to Sharon Tandy for hosting

the picnic. For the last several years, Sharon has planned, promoted and hosted this event. She always does a great job. Thanks Sharon! I can't wait to see you all again next summer. If you live in the California area and are interested in getting involved give Sharon a call (818) 985-8392.

On June 10, the Oklahoma City Chickasaw Council hosted a picnic. It was an enjoyable evening. People gathered, ate, visited, and prizes were won by many in attendance. This council is a very busy group and sponsors various monthly activities. If you live in the Oklahoma City area, are interested in meeting new people, having a good time and want to learn more about your Chickasaw heritage then this the place for you. Give them a call, (405) 204-0536.

The Senior Citizens at the Panola District senior site located in Achille, Okla., have been busy throughout the year hosting Indian taco sales, fish fry and attending various events sponsored by the tribe. This is a traveling group of Chickasaws! Each year participation by the Panola District seniors increases. Melba Love has done

a great job as site manager and the seniors assist regularly. Keep up the good work. If you would like to know more about the Achille Senior site or come for lunch, give them a call, (580) 283-3108.

The Chickasaw Nation is a nation of people that are bound by a common thread – our heritage.

Let us make strides to reconnect and fellowship as our ancestors did. I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Panola District Legislator. Be blessed and I look forward to hearing from you, (580) 283-3409.

Beth Alexander
Panola District Legislator

Comments sought on tribal Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program

The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2007 fiscal year. These comments must be received by August 1, 2006.

WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves

approximately 3500 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county area.

Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, RD/LD, Nutrition Services Director, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or phone (580) 436-7255 or toll free (888) 436-7255.

For more information about receiving WIC program services, call (580) 436-7255 or Debi Tipton at (580) 310-6420. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

Pontotoc District

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Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

June 2006 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 23-072

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Love County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Love County, Oklahoma, described as: a tract of land in Love County, Oklahoma located in the E/2 of the W/2 of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, Love County, Oklahoma; thence N 0°00'00" E a distance of 660.24 feet; thence N 89°53'14" E a distance of 1158.29 feet to a point on the West right-of-way of Federal Highway I-35; thence S 0°29'37" W a distance of 1492.63 feet along said right-of-way; thence S 03°13'53" W a distance of 977.85 feet along said Federal Highway I-35 right-of-way; thence S 14°06'52" W a distance of 238.09 feet along said right-of-way; thence S 25°58'28" W a distance of 228.67 feet along said Federal Highway I-35 right-of-way; thence S 89°56' W a distance of 606.40 feet; thence S 0°00'00" W a distance of 269.00 feet; thence S 79°37'18" W a distance of 331.12 feet; thence N 0°00'00" E a distance of 2572.45 feet to the point of beginning, containing 76.20 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 1600 West Memorial Drive, Marietta, Oklahoma

Used: For future use as employee housing

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee,

Judy Goforth Parker, Wand Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-073

Approval of Application for Funding Family Violence Prevention and Services

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation application for federal funding to the Administration for Children and Families for the continuation of the Family Violence relocating costs associated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include one month's rent and deposit plus utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, transportation tickets to locate services or employment and groceries. We also provide crises counseling, safety planning and education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders and facilitate a weekly support group, Spirit Circle. We also make many referrals to tribal and non-tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal and other needs. This grant serves Native and non-Native victims.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resource Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Juyd Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-074

Approval of Development Budget

Explanation: This resolution approves the Development Budget for the construction of the New Judicial Building, Project Number 20-0021-04 in the amount of \$4,896,290 and for the construction of the Sick Child Care Building, Project Number 30-0037-04 in the amount of \$299,693.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Linda Briggs, Committee Chair Finance Com-

mittee

Yes Votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Juyd Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No Votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Mooniene Ogee

General Resolution Number 23-075

Granting Permission for the Use of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation

(Grade School Textbook)

Explanation: This resolution grants permission to Harcourt School Publishers to use a likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation in a third and fourth grade textbook to be used in Oklahoma schools.

Requested by: Scott Colbert, Chairman

Presented by: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Juyd Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-076

Decision to Not Opt-in Under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994

Explanation: The U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma has contacted Governor Bill Anoatubby, asking if the Chickasaw Nation wishes to opt-in under certain provisions of federal law as provided in the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. The three provisions are: the death penalty; the three strikes mandatory life provisions; and juvenile transfers to adult status for 13 and 14 year olds.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Juyd Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Sea-

wright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-077

Right-of-Way Easement in McClain County (Newcastle)

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a right-of-way easement to the City of Newcastle, McClain County, for the construction of a new roadway connecting US Highway 62 and 24th Street on property owned by the Chickasaw Nation described as: A strip, piece, or parcel of land located in part of the SW/4 of Section 2, Township 9 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma being described by metes and bounds as follows:

COMMENCING at the North West corner of said South West Quarter (SW/4); THENCE Easterly along the North line of said Section 2 a distance of 220.07 feet to point on the East present right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 62; THENCE South 04°55'03" West along said present right of way line a distance

of 60.24 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE North 89°48'08 East a distance of 566.78 feet; THENCE South 77°54'33 West a distance of 266.88 feet; THENCE South 89°48'08 West a distance of 310.56 feet to a point on said East present right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 62; THENCE Northeasterly along said East present right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 62 a distance of 55.22 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said parcel of land containing 0.55 acres, more or less, of new right-of-way. Compensation is hereby waived.

This resolution is presented as Emergency Legislation because a right-of-way easement is required immediately for the purposes of addressing a high pressure gas line for the construction of a new roadway connecting U.S. Highway 62 and 24th Street on property owned by the Chickasaw Nation.

See *Resolutions*, page 38

Committee Reports

Education Committee

June 5, 2006

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green

Absent: Beth Alexander, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright, Scott Colbert

Finance Committee

June 5, 2006

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Linda Briggs

Finance Committee

June 12, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Health Committee

June 5, 2006

Present: Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Absent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

Human Resource Committee

June 12, 2006

Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Scott Colbert, Mooniene Ogee

Absent: Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee

June 5, 2006

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Land Development Committee

June 12, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Legislative Committee

June 5, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Homelands tour features study of ceremonial mounds

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - "Can't you just hear the children playing?"

This question, asked by Deanna Kendall while a group walked the nature trail at Chucalissa, went right to the heart of one reason for the tour of the homelands.

Along with the education and interpretation highlighted during the tour of many Chickasaw historical sites, there is an ability to visualize what life was really like for Chickasaws hundreds of years ago.

American Indians, living in what is now the southeastern U.S., were constructing complex mounds for ceremonial, social and religious reasons 3,000 years ago.

To stand on one of those

mounds, listening as guides describe the every day life of those mound builders, brings a new understanding of the past.

"Archeologists examine artifacts from the past to try and understand a culture of which they have very little first-hand knowledge," said Tim Baugh, archeologist and exhibit developer for the Chickasaw Cultural Center. "Sure we take classes and gain some knowledge of the cultures in that way, but it is very difficult to understand a culture until you have actually lived it."

Understanding that it took hundreds of thousands, or even millions of basket loads of soil to create many of the mounds is significant. Standing on top of those mounds, you can form a

mental image of the long line of workers who carried basket after basket of heavy soil hundreds of yards.

Guides explain that those workers probably performed that same job day after day for years, or perhaps decades. You picture a muscular, energetic teenager pouring his heart into the work. Behind him, a weary, weathered elder is struggling to complete his last day on the job.

Those who become caretakers of history have many motivations, ranging from greed to a genuine desire to preserve knowledge of the past, and preserve that knowledge for future generations.

Chickasaw Heritage Park consists of two mounds near

the Mississippi River in Memphis. Those mounds are all that remain of 13 mounds "discovered" more than 100 years ago during construction projects.

Most of those mounds were destroyed, while one of those which remains was used for a time as a covered dance pavilion during the 1890s.

Those mounds are now preserved under the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, which prevents destruction or desecration of the site.

Union County Heritage Museum and the Natchez Trace Parkway preserve the history of Chickasaws in the area as it fits within the larger history of the area.

Chucalissa means abandoned

house in the Choctaw language, and the museum is administered much the way a family might approach the renovation of a home that had been in the family for generations.

Chucalissa is dedicated to the preservation of the history of American Indians who lived in that area, and has taken great pains to preserve and illustrate that history in a manner sensitive to the Indian nations affected.

A number of changes have been instituted over the years to preserve and protect not only the historical record, but also to protect the feelings of present day descendants who are impacted by the very personal nature of the history represented.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Revenue transfers from businesses rise to support critical programs and services

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure

for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending May 31, 2006

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$56.8 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$1.9 million and \$19.4 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of \$54.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for April totaled \$46 million and \$362 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was

\$129 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$56 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At May 31, 2006, the tribal

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Eight Months Ended May 31, 2006

Revenues
Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures
General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Transfer to Loan Program
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets May 31, 2006

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

government funds had \$53 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$9.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$106 million in cash and investments of which \$76 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$30 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of May 31, 2006, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$548 million with \$76 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$471 million compared to \$391 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of \$80 million for the period then ended.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	3,004,993	362,019,798	365,024,791
	56,844,717	(56,844,717)	-
	59,849,710	305,175,081	365,024,791
	4,554,966		4,554,966
	946,413		946,413
	367,292		367,292
	3,154,332		3,154,332
	1,713,998		1,713,998
	4,270,719		4,270,719
	2,155,648		2,155,648
	1,308,487		1,308,487
	977,629		977,629
	1,176,493		1,176,493
	-		-
		179,098,922	179,098,922
		70,053,398	70,053,398
	20,625,977	249,152,320	269,778,297
	39,223,733	56,022,761	95,246,494
	168,970,718	207,243,721	376,214,439
\$	208,194,451	263,266,482	471,460,933

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	53,456,309	106,038,068	159,494,377
	376,859	17,796,100	18,172,959
		4,362,155	4,362,155
		5,389,504	5,389,504
		27,331,066	27,331,066
	154,445,040	178,912,051	333,357,091
	(83,757)	(76,562,463)	(76,646,220)
\$	208,194,451	263,266,482	471,460,933

Dr. John Garber at Carl Albert for 26 years

CNHS chief optometrist honored for medical service



Chickasaw Nation Health System Chief Optometrist Dr. John Garber, who has served patients at Carl Albert Indian Hospital for 26 years, was recently recognized for his exceptional contributions to Indian Health Service Eye Care.

FULLERTON, Calif. - Chickasaw Nation Health System Chief Optometrist Dr. John Garber was recently recognized for

his exceptional contributions to Indian Health Service (IHS) eye care during the national Indian Health Service Biennial Eye Care Meeting in Fullerton.

Dr. Garber was the first recipient of the Edward Hamilton Award established to recognize outstanding leadership and accomplishment contributing to the visual health of Native Americans.

"We are very proud of Dr. Garber's accomplishments and the outstanding care he gives his patients," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "He is truly deserving of this recognition."

The award was presented to Dr. Garber by Dr. Les Caplan, University of Alabama, who is known as the "Father of IHS Optometry" and was responsible for first bringing Dr. Garber into the IHS in 1976.

"I am very honored to receive

this award," Dr. Garber stated, "especially having it presented by Dr. Caplan."

"My career in IHS has been wonderful. I have been very fortunate to work in Ada with the Chickasaw Nation. My patients and administrators have been so supportive in every instance. I truly feel that I am the luckiest eye doctor in the nation."

Dr. Garber is a Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHS)/IHS. He graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn., in 1976 and has served as a commissioned officer for 30 years.

He has provided eye care on the Navajo Reservation at Fort Defiance and Tuba City, Arizona, the Havasupai Reservation in Arizona and in Nome, Teller and Unalakleet, Alaska.

He has served as the Chief Optometrist at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada, Okla., since 1980.

Pacific University College of Optometry awarded him the 2000 Adjunct Faculty Award of Special Merit, and he received the USPHS Outstanding Service Medal for his "extreme dedication to patient care."

IHS Eye Care Coordination Committee Chairman Dr. Rich-

ard Hatch said of Dr. Garber, "For thirty years Dr. Garber has devoted his outstanding talent and professional skills to serve not only his thousands of patients at Ada, but also to unselfishly inspire and better hundreds of his colleagues."

"Thank you for supporting Dr. Garber in serving above and beyond his local clinical duties. I assure you Carl Albert Indian Hospital enjoys a nationwide stature and respect magnified by Dr. Garber's accomplishments."

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Chickasaws take center stage at Sovereignty Symposium

OKLAHOMA CITY - A number of Chickasaws played important roles and discussed a number of significant issues during the recent Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City. The event focuses on issues affecting tribal sovereignty.

Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington delivered the keynote address and was selected as honored one at the event.

Cmdr. Herrington, who recently retired from NASA, became the first Native American in space during his November 2002 Shuttle mission to the International Space Station.

During his keynote address, Cmdr. Herrington said mentors were important in his own life and challenged attendees to make a difference by acting as a mentor to others.

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole accepted the Friend of the Court award on behalf of his mother, the late Helen Cole, a member of the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby took part in an important panel on government-to-government relations, which outlined significant improvements in the relationship between tribes and the state of Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal spoke about Lighthorse participation in a large multi-agency undercover operation which resulted in the indictment and arrest of more than one hundred people on drug related charges in south central Oklahoma and northern Texas.

Chief O'Neal and other participants on the panel on methamphetamine in Indian country also appeared on Oklahoma Forum on the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority to discuss the issue.

Chickasaw attorney Matthew Morgan and Chickasaw Gaming Commissioner Tracy Burris participated in a panel which addressed the practical issues in achieving regulated Indian gaming.

Chickasaw attorney Jess Green moderated a panel on gaming.

Neal McCaleb, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Interior, participated in a panel on transportation issues.

Tribal Arts and Humanities director Lona Barrick took part in a panel on language revitalization.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Sick Child Care Center, continued from page 1



Students Reese Hamilton and Jarrett Ellis help Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Choctaw Chief Greg Pyle, with shovels, during the ground breaking of the Sick Child Care Center. Back row from left are Gary Wear, Beth Campbell and Brian Campbell.

Care Center.

It is the first child care center in the state designed to care for mildly sick children who, under state guidelines, would otherwise have to go home.

"The Chickasaw Nation is setting a precedent," said Lisa Blackmon-Hansard, tribal program specialist for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. "There is nothing like it in the state."

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby is excited that Chickasaws are pioneering a

new frontier. He said he believed the sick child care facility will benefit the whole community.

"Parents lose dollars and businesses lose productivity when parents are called to pick-up mildly ill children," Gov. Anoatubby said at the sick child care center groundbreaking on June 26.

Lisa John, Chickasaw Nation Education Administrator, said local businesses and schools are already partnering with the nation to use the facility and reduce absenteeism related to sick child care.

The need for sick child care is growing. Chickasaw Nation Child Care Director Michelle Key said families were becoming more diverse. Key said only eight percent of households had a stay-at-home mom and a working dad. The rise in single-parent families and families with both parents working outside the home create fewer options for parents with sick children. Additionally, Key said, the mobility of the population has resulted in fewer extended family members available to care for ill children.

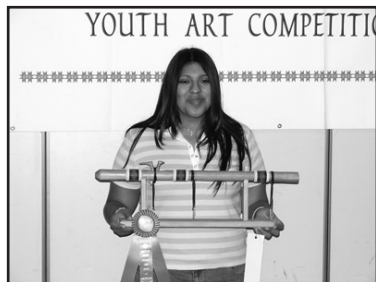
In addition to reducing employee absenteeism and increasing employee productivity, Key said the sick child care center would have a positive effect on employee retention, morale and stress.

The Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care Center is expected to be completed in October 2006. The 4,100-square-foot center will have six classrooms as well as a 780-square-foot covered play area. It will also feature a drive-through drop off area and will be connected to the existing child care facility by a covered sidewalk. The facility will be staffed by six teachers to accommodate 30 children.

The center will also feature a state-of-the-art air system that will allow each room to filter its own air, preventing air from being recycled throughout the building. The staff will also take precautions to prevent the spread of germs.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw artist Courtney Parchcorn 'Best in Show' at Red Earth



Courtney Parchcorn displays her beaded flute, which won Best in Show at the recent Red Earth Festival Youth Art Competition.



Brandon Blankenship won first place in the cultural division at the Red Earth Festival Youth Art Competition.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw artist Courtney Parchcorn won "Best in Show" in the 16- to 18-year-old division at the recent Red Earth Youth Art competition.

After receiving the award, Courtney said "this feels great, but I'm still kind of in shock."

Courtney, a sophomore at Byng (OK) High School and a student in the Chickasaw Nation after school arts program, also won third in the cultural division.

She won the Best in Show award for a beaded flute which incorporated a complicated stitch she learned from her father, Buddy.

Shortly after winning first place for a beaded bracelet she entered in the 13- to 15-year-old division last year, Courtney began planning her entry for this year's competition.

Courtney's mother, Francine, said her daughter decided she would make a beadwork design with a three-dimensional look.

Achieving that effect requires using three shades of each color incorporated into the work as well as a special type of stitch.

"Her dad taught her the hardest stitch, the Peyote stitch," Francine said. "He told her if she could do this stitch she could do

anything. She worked on it until she got it right."

Courtney said it took her about a week to make the beaded flute.

"This was my first time trying to do this. It took hours of work," she said.

Courtney was one of several Chickasaw students who won awards in the competition. Students in the Chickasaw Nation after school arts program swept the cultural category in their age division.

Brandon Blankenship, a Chickasaw sophomore at Byng, won first place in the cultural division. Lisa Eidson, a Choctaw freshman at Byng, won second place in the division.

"We are very proud of these young Chickasaw artists," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "While the recognition they have received is great, it is even more gratifying to see them taking an interest in their culture and carrying on the tradition of a long line of excellent Chickasaw artists."

Another Chickasaw artist, Me-Way-Seh Greenwood, won first place in beadwork.

Chickasaw artist Conner Thomas won first place in sculpture.

Chickasaw artist Micah Hart,

Higher ed grants to be funded based on university category

Beginning with the upcoming Fall term, higher education grants for Chickasaw students will be categorized based on the type of college or university a student is attending.

Funding will be based on three college and university categories: research, regional and community.

Full-time undergraduates, graduate students and doctoral students who attend research

universities will be eligible for \$2,400 per semester.

Full-time undergraduates and graduate students who attend regional universities will be eligible for \$1,500 per semester.

Full-time undergraduates who attend a community or junior college will be eligible for \$1,200 per semester.

Funding for higher education grants for part-time students will also be affected by the change.

of Ada, also a student in the after school arts program, won second place in painting in the 13- to 15-year-old division.

Brandon Blankenship

Brandon is 16 years old and is in the 10th grade at Byng High School. He enjoys biology and English classes. Mr. Blankenship likes singing, drawing, painting and playing the piano. He wants to go college and major in marine biology.

"I think art is important be-

cause it lets you express your feelings."

Lisa Eidson

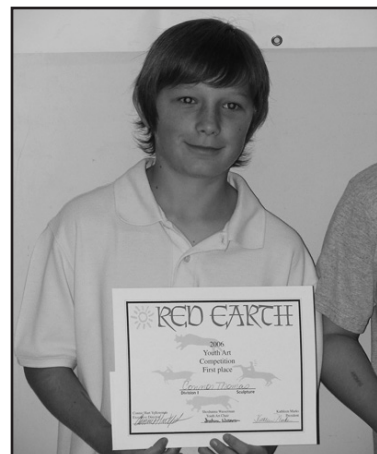
Lisa is a ninth-grader at Byng Junior High School. This 15-year-old enjoys classes in civics and autobody. She enjoys drawing, watching TV and skateboarding. Miss Eidson would like to become an art teacher.

"I like learning more about the Chickasaw culture in the after school arts program."

Courtney Parchcorn



Me-Wa-Seh Greenwood won first place in the beadwork division at the Red Earth Festival Youth Art Competition.



Conner Thomas won first place in sculpture at the Red Earth Festival Youth Art Competition.



Micah Hart brought home second place in painting at the Red Earth Festival Youth Art Competition.

Oklahoma state treasurer sees more cooperation between state, tribes

OKLAHOMA CITY - Oklahoma State Treasurer Scott Meacham said he was "shocked and ashamed" to learn of the antagonistic nature of relations between the state of Oklahoma and tribes in years past.

Meacham, who is the state's primary negotiator on tribal issues, said the state's current administration sees tribal sovereignty as "an opportunity, not a problem."

Meacham made the comments during a panel on government-to-government relations conducted June 1 at the annual Sovereignty Symposium at Cox Convention Center.

Much of Meacham's knowledge of the history of tribal-state relations came from previous meetings with Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, who was also on the panel.

Gov. Anoatubby shared some of that history with the standing-room only crowd in the conference room.

A contentious relationship with the state began with the state's refusal to sell tax-exempt

license tags for tribal vehicles.

That relationship deteriorated further over sales tax issues.

The tribe had voluntarily collected sales taxes in the operation of some early business ventures. However, Overton James, then governor of the Chickasaw Nation, cited tribal sovereignty in refusing to submit to a state audit of tribal records.

The state, however, continued to try to enforce the sales tax.

Eventually, the state of Oklahoma ordered a sheriff's sale of the assets of the Chickasaw Nation to collect taxes.

Soon after that occurrence, the tribe filed suit in federal court over several taxation issues. While they lost that case in the Eastern District of Oklahoma, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the decision and ruled in favor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Gov. Anoatubby said he was pleased to see the relationship between the state and tribes had grown increasingly cooperative in recent years.

He noted, however, that two

sovereigns will inevitably need to come to a compromise on some issues.

"It is our hope that we can continue to negotiate with the state rather than litigate," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We still have a lot to learn about each other."

"There are many times when we need to consider what is in the best interest of Chickasaw citizens, who are also state citizens," he said. "I've said many times that what is good for the Chickasaw Nation is good for Oklahoma and what is good for Oklahoma is good for the Chickasaw Nation."

Meacham echoed many of Gov. Anoatubby's sentiments.

"Sovereignty means you will have disagreements," Meacham said. "We have all the aspects of sovereignty, but we share the same space and the same citizens."

"There is a symbiotic relationship between tribes and Oklahoma. What's good for one is good for the other."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Students learn, grow and perform at Summer Arts Academy



Vocal students Katy Duty and Amanda Shackelford sing along during their performance at the finale showcase.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities hosted the second annual Summer Arts Academy in June at East Central University in Ada.

Chickasaw students ages 10 through 19 attended the two-week academy. Students enjoyed intense, detailed and culturally sensitive instruction in several art disciplines including music composition, literary arts, visual arts, vocal music, dance

and drama.

Students were able to choose two areas of concentration and work on projects presented at a finale showcase themed "A Journey Continues Through the Arts...The Chickasaw Celebrate the Past 150 Years."

"This academy gives students the opportunity to express themselves and gain valuable experience," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby stated. "Meeting artists and profession-



Summer Art Academy dancers performed several dances at the finale showcase, including one dance with costumes made to represent traditional buckskin dresses.



Students who participated in the drama discipline performed an original script play honoring the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Chickasaw Constitution.

als in each field will also inspire them to continue working on their skills and talents."

Several guest artists visited the academy to share with the students. They included Farron Culley, traditionalist; Le Anne Howe, author; Jeannie Barbour, artist; Brad Clonch, musician; Patrick Riley, musician; Jarod Tate, composer; Daniel Worcester, artist; Rebecca Frederick, vocalist; Susie Johnston, potter; Paula Carney, culturalist; Richard Rambo, dancer; Taylor Treat, Miss Ada; Lauren Poe, Miss Teen Oklahoma; radio personality Candy Matthews; and Stephen Judd, actor/filmmaker.

Academy instructors spent each day with the students teaching techniques and helping students prepare their projects for the final show. Instructors included Jerod Tate, composition; Phillip Berryhill, vocal music; Cara Crawford and Nacobi Walker, dance; Dr. Bret Jones, Lorie Robins, Steve Jacob and Brandon Blankenship, drama; Kelley Isom and Laura Clark, literary arts; Trina Jones, Kelly Reed and Ashley Smith, visual arts.

During the finale showcase, guest Robert Cheadle served as announcer and guest Starla Hibler accompanied the vocal music performers on piano.

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CNHS presents at diabetes seminar

The Chickasaw Nation Health System Diabetes Care Center was recently a featured presenter at a national diabetes conference.

The Indian Health Service Division on Diabetes asked the Center to present its programs on gestational diabetes and breastfeeding at the Special Diabetes Program for Indians grant regional meeting in Atlanta in May.

The Chickasaw Nation was one of only 12 tribes invited to present among 333 programs.

"We were selected because the Chickasaw Nation gestational diabetes program is well known throughout Indian country to be successful and progressive," said Bobby Saunkeah, R.N., Diabetes

Program Manager. "We are also one of the few diabetes programs that support a breastfeeding program and provide a breastfeeding lounge in the diabetes center."

Mr. Saunkeah said the gestational and breastfeeding programs were particularly important because they provided an early opportunity to prevent type 2 diabetes.

At the conference, Douglass Busha and Shondra McCage made PowerPoint presentations showcasing the programs. The purpose of the conference was to share successful diabetes programs and practices with other tribes who receive the SDPI grant.

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MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Tip of the Month

WALK OFTEN OR FAST-PICK ONE

You can walk at a moderate pace for 20 minutes for five to seven days a week or pick up the pace and walk briskly three or four times a week. Both exercise prescriptions have been shown to improve your heart health.

The Moccasin Trail program would like to congratulate the following for achieving over the 1000 mile goal.

Alexis Lewis and Jarrod Johnson

Congrats!!

Curt Kennedy heavyweight contender in late '40s

Chickasaw fighter made it to top of the boxing world



Chickasaw boxer Curt Kennedy in his heyday.

For Chickasaw/Choctaw Elmer Curtis Kennedy, the 1940s was the best of times.

It was a cold December night in Wichita, Kansas in 1941. A dispute between two excitable young men led to a back-alley brawl. Curt Kennedy won the fight.

That fight led to other fights. No, Curt was not a troublemaker. He was a boxer.

Little did he know, the unconquered and unconquerable fighting Chickasaw spirit would catapult him to stand among the ranks of boxing legends like Joe Louis.

But fighting the good fight against poverty would be Mr. Kennedy's first opponent. The financial pains of divorce forced young Curt, his mother and his brothers to relocate from their

hometown of Ada, Oklahoma to Wichita in hopes of finding employment. Curt and his older brother William got jobs as paperboys to help support the family.

"Curt's first concern was always his family," said Patrick Kennedy, Mr. Kennedy's nephew.

At age 15, Curt became the Kansas State Middle Weight Amateur Boxing Champion of 1942, fighting without the consent of a concerned mother. Hardly experienced, the 15-year-old began to forge a name for himself in amateur boxing.

Curt enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and collected many boxing titles from Kansas to California throughout his 18-month military career. He won the Kansas Belt, California Diamond Belt and California Golden Gloves honors. His amateur career did not go unnoticed by professional boxing stars. It is said that former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, who was the referee for Curt's Diamond Belt victory, assured Curt he held a "very promising" future in boxing.

vThe 5'9", 190 pound fighter's amateur career came to a climatic close in 1947 when he won the National Junior Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) boxing championship. The young charismatic boxer was poised for a successful professional career.

He was described as showing as much grace in the ring as he did when he was performing his championship ballroom dancing routine, Patrick Kennedy said.

After 13 wins as a professional boxer, Mr. Kennedy got the chance to rub gloves with former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis in an exhibition match in Kansas City. Although a winner is not declared in an exhibition fight, it is believed that Louis said he didn't sense any fear in the heart of young Mr. Kennedy. Being a fearless warrior, Patrick Kennedy said, was a part of his proud Indian heritage.

Mr. Kennedy advanced his career with decisive wins, landing him a fight at Madison Square Garden in New York City against Charley Norkus. The Chickasaw fighter defeated Norkus in a unanimous decision.

For a short time, Mr. Kennedy was a top competitor in the world of heavyweight boxing. His short, but notable boxing career came to an abrupt end because of managerial disputes. However, his champion's heart still pumped on.

He dedicated the rest of his life to making a positive impact on the community. He began training boxers and was involved in Boy Scouts for over a decade.



Curt Kennedy, right, poses with former heavy weight champion Jack Dempsey, center, and Al Parker at the California Diamond Belt fight.

It is not necessarily his great accomplishments in boxing that will dwell in the memories of others, rather "he will always be remembered as a respected elder in the Indian community, a Free Mason, Shriner and a de-

voted family man," said Patrick Kennedy.

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Students 'take care of business' at Entrepreneurship Academy

Students at the recent Entrepreneurship Academy received an introduction to the basic skills and characteristics needed to become successful entrepreneurs.

"It takes commitment, talent, drive, hard work and more to become a successful in business," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby during his opening day remarks to the students. "This experience can improve you're chances for success. But remember, success is more than achievement. Having strength of character is a measure of success."

Field trips to area businesses, classroom instruction and a variety of guest speakers

inspired students in identifying a concept for an enterprise and developing a business plan.

Students at the academy voted a plan for dog kennels created by Joshua Boggs, of Wapanucka, Okla., as the most likely to succeed.

While his family already operates a small kennel, he plans to enlarge the operation, possibly beginning this fall.

"I learned how to sell the business plan to a banker," said Mr. Boggs when asked the most important thing he learned at the academy.

This is the second year at the academy for Mr. Boggs. He plans to attend Murray State College then transfer to University of Central Oklahoma to

pursue a master's in business administration, with a concentration in accounting and business ethics.

Mr. Boggs said that the atmosphere at the academy was very positive and the instructors were always ready to offer assistance.

Sage Woodruff, who came from her home in Tennessee to attend the academy, won the vote for outstanding business plan.

Ms. Woodruff developed a plan to create a magazine for students at Lipscomb College, where she will be a student this fall.

Her focus would be to provide biblical perspective on the controversial issues facing young

people today.

"The idea is to convey a message of truth and that would be the success," said Ms. Woodruff.

The academy, she said, had helped her learn more than technical business issues.

"I learned that an idea can really become a reality. The speakers showed me that if you have a good idea you should pursue it, she said.

"I would definitely encourage everyone to come out, if only for the experience of coming into a group of kids who nothing about each other. You learn a lot about yourself in a situation like that where you have to get outside your comfort zone."

Jeremy Web of Tishomingo

won the award for most creative business plan for an Internet site to assist students in locating and applying for multiple scholarships.

"I had no idea how to do a business plan," said Mr. Webb. "I wouldn't know where to start, so I'm glad I got that."

Frank Johnson, with Chickasaw Nation Education Services, said he was very impressed with the students.

"These kids just got out of school and they chose to be here. Any time you have students who are that motivated, it makes things very easy for the instructors," said Mr. Johnson.

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Births



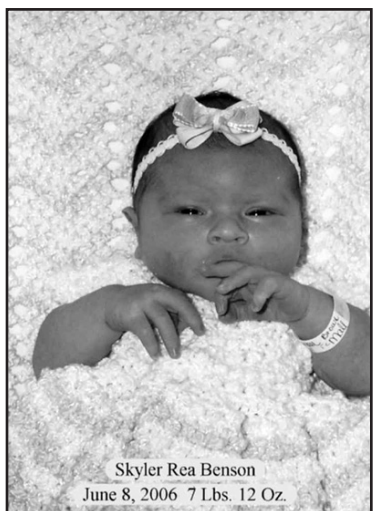
Brenden Underwood

Jaden Underwood welcomes her new baby brother, **Brenden Jax Underwood**. Brenden was born April 3, 2006 in Abilene, Texas. The proud parents are Ben and Brandi Underwood, Abilene.

He is the grandson of Jack and Barbara Underwood, Stratford, Okla., and Cheryl and Gary Crawford, Munday, Texas.

Ben is stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene.

Brenden was born on his father's birthday!



Skyler Rea Benson
June 8, 2006 7 lbs. 12 Oz.

Skyler Benson

Bobby and Amber Benson of Waxahachie, Texas, announce the birth of their daughter, **Skyler Rea Benson**.

Skyler was born, June 8, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 ozs., and measured 19.25 inches.

Her paternal grandparents are John and Melanie Benson of Mansfield, Texas. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Janie Hardwick.

Her maternal grandparents are Tim and Lynn Allen of Mansfield.



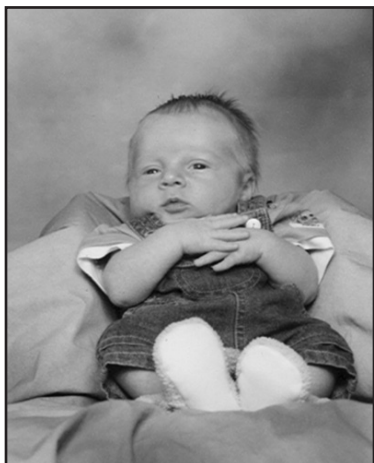
Jazlyn Key

Sydney Decker and Lauren Key are proud to announce the birth of their sister, **Jazlyn Key**. Jazlyn is the daughter of Summer Jones and Josh Key of Sulphur, Okla.

Jazlyn was born Feb. 13, 2006 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs., and measured 20.4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Allen and Lu Ella Jones, Sulphur. Maternal great-grandmother is Susie Wallace, Sulphur, the late Willie and Eula Mae Jones and the late Sidney Taylor.

Paternal grandparents are Roy and Marla Key, Ada. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Minnie Shields, Stonewall, Okla., Catherine Key, Holdenville, Okla., Harold Key, Oklahoma City, and the late Joe Shields.



Parker Wood

Parker Scott Wood was born March 10, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs., and measured 21 inches.

He is the son of Cecil Shawn Wood and Ashley Murray, Ada, Okla. He has two brothers, Tyler and Dylan Wood.

He is the grandson of Katherine Wood of Connerville, Okla., the late Cecil Wood, Pontotoc, Okla., Gayla Scott and Charles Scott of Stratford, Okla., and Houston Murray of Sallisaw, Okla.

Kayla Jo Wood turned 14 years old May 29, 2006.

She is the daughter of Patricia Wood of Tishomingo, Okla., and Scott Wood of Tishomingo. Kayla Jo is the big sister of Neely and Cheyenne Wood.

Her grandparents are Phyllis Seymore of Bethany, Okla., the late Joe Plumley and Larry and Eugenia Wood of Tishomingo. Her great-grandparents are Floyd and Joyce Hackworth of Bromide, Okla.

She celebrated her 14th birthday with 15 of her girl and guy friends at the Durant Bowling Center, Saturday, June 3 with a bowling party. Afterwards, she had a slumber party at her home with her girlfriends.

Kayla Jo will be in the ninth grade this fall at Tishomingo High School where she made THS cheerleader and the High School Flag Corp for the second year in a row. She is active in basketball, softball, band, track, cheerleading and student council. Kayla has been on both the Tishomingo School and Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Rolls every semester since Kindergarten. She loves sports, singing, dancing, playing on the computer and talking on the phone.

Hope you had a wonderful 14th Birthday Kayla Jo!

Good Luck in High School!

We Love You!

Madison Cook



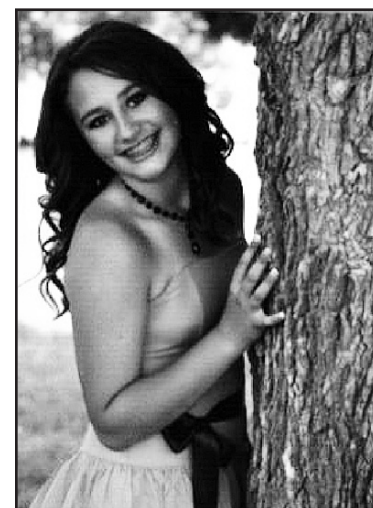
Madison Grace Cook, 15 months old, is the daughter of Kelly and Michael Cook. Madison's grandparents are Tammy Stick, and Charles and Carol Cook, all of Ada, Okla.; and Michael Karbowski, Santa Fe, Texas. Her great-grandparents are Fern Steinkuehler, Ada; and Eddie and Carolyn Karbowski, Santa Fe. She is the niece of Carmon Jones, Wanette; and Ashlie Stick and Joshua Stick, both of Ada. Her great-uncles are Ray Steinkuehler, Ada; and Ken Karbowski, Santa Fe.

When Madison isn't being spoiled rotten, she loves to be read to, and loves being outdoors. Our lives are so blessed because of Maddy Grace, and we thank God everyday for her. She is our family's pride and joy, and we all love her so much.

Horseshoe tourney winners



Winners of the 7th annual Adam C. Walker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament pose for a photo on June 10 at Kullihoma. Winners include Bunky Impson, Terry M., Michael Lindsey Jeremy Wallace, Curtis Walker, Bailey Walker and Ruby Long.



Kayla Jo Wood

OKCMCCC July meeting cancelled

There will be no meeting of the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council in July.

Original plans were to have a "Candidates Forum." Due to the unavailability of a suitable site to conduct the Forum, the meeting has been cancelled. Please mark you calendars for our next meeting on August 1, 2006. Council elections will be held during the August meeting.

For more information call 405-204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at

www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org

Mississippi

I barely know you
But we are tied
Your voice is a song
I catch in a whisper
Always reminding...

Your blood is my blood
It flows through veins
It flows through rivers
I once lived there
Through my grandmothers
Unbroken
Ties that bind
Ties that bind
-KJLunsford

Dealy anniversary

S.T. and Juanita (Sears) Dealy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, May 25, 2006.

The couple were married May 25, 1946 in Kansas City, Kan.

Mrs. Dealy is the daughter of Mollie Vernon (Skinner) Sears and the granddaughter of Amanda (Colbert) Dillingham.

The couple celebrated with family and friends in Texarkana, Texas.



Chickasaw citizen running for Oklahoma state senate



Senate candidate Rhonda Rudd and Chickasaw Nation Governor Anotubby at an American Indian Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Chickasaw citizen Rhonda Rudd will try to maintain her momentum during the Oklahoma primary election on Tuesday, July 25 as she aspires to seek the office of Oklahoma District 46 state senator.

Mrs. Rudd is running on the issues of education, healthcare and jobs, and wants to provide Native Americans a voice in the senate when it comes to issues such as tribal sovereignty and fairness to all people.

She is a 1982 graduate of Putnam City (OK) High School, a 2002 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma and a 2005 graduate of Oklahoma City University Law School. During her time in college, she received several scholarships from the Chickasaw Nation that allowed her to obtain her undergraduate

and law degrees. While in law school, she worked with the Native American Legal Resource Center helping research the Children's Code for the Apache Tribe of Anadarko.

"Too often, people feel they should wait until the environment is favorable for an idea or policy," Mrs. Rudd said. "Oklahoma cries out for leadership. I am willing to stand up for what is right and for what will meet the needs of everyday Oklahomans."

Mrs. Rudd is the mother of three children. She is a descendant of Winchester Colbert, a great-granddaughter to G.W. Young and granddaughter to Patsy Young, all Chickasaw citizens.

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Nickell earns CHC designation

The Healthcare Compliance Certification Board (HCCB) announced that Laura Nickell, has successfully completed the Certified in Healthcare Compliance Examination, thus earning the "CHC" designation.

Mrs. Nickell is the Chickasaw Nation Healthcare System Compliance Coordinator.

Healthcare compliance is a relatively new industry, born out of the government's crackdown on Medicare fraud. Compliance professionals come from a variety of backgrounds including coding, medical records, nursing, medical practice, law

and government. Regardless of background, compliance professionals are tasked with assuring that health care providers follow federal, state and local regulations that govern the delivery of healthcare.

Founded by the Health Care Compliance Association in 1998, the Healthcare Compliance Certification Board exists to develop criteria for the determination of competence in the practice of healthcare compliance at a variety of levels and to recognize individuals meeting these criteria.

Former mayor candidate for senate



Earline Smaistrle, Chickasaw citizen and candidate for Oklahoma State Representative in District 43.

Chickasaw citizen Earline Smaistrle has been a proven leader in her hometown of Yukon, Oklahoma for several

years. She has been on the Yukon city council for five years, served two years as mayor and currently serves as vice-mayor. Now, she embarks on a new level of leadership by seeking the office of State Representative for Oklahoma District 43.

As well as her positions in an elected office, Mrs. Smaistrle also serves as chairman of Yukon's Centennial Commission, a board member of the Yukon Senior Citizens' Center and Compassionate Hands, and is a member of the Yukon Kiwanis Club.

She is a 28-year veteran of the banking industry and has served in her current position as vice president of Yukon National Bank since 1987.

"My banking and business background has taught me to

be a good steward of people's money," she said. "Government must be held accountable. We have to spend our tax dollars more wisely. Investments in our classrooms as well as Oklahoma's roads and bridges must be our top priorities."

Mrs. Smaistrle also believes in the importance of community service. She was the Mothers March Chairman for March of Dimes and is active with the local Habitat for Humanity. She has served as a Girl Scouts leader and been involved with the Yukon Community Theatre.

Mrs. Smaistrle raised three children as a single mother. She now has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Chickasaw banker appointed to federal board



J.D. Colbert

DENVER - Veteran Chickasaw-Creek banker J.D. Colbert has been appointed by President Bush to the Community Development Advisory Board of the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund according to a White House news release.

Mr. Colbert was appointed to the Advisory Board as the Native American Tribal Development Representative for a term expiring November 27, 2007. Mr. Colbert is the president and CEO of Native American Bank, N.A., headquartered in Denver.

"I am very pleased and honored to be appointed as the Native American representative to the CDFI board", Mr. Colbert said. "I look forward to providing valuable input to the CDFI Fund regarding community development matters with special attention on those issues affect-

ing Indian Country".

CDFIs are an important and growing source of capital and financial services for the most rural Indian reservations in the U.S. according to Elsie Meeks, Executive Director, First Nations Oweesta Corporation based in Rapid City, South Dakota. The CDFI Fund has played the key role in assisting in the start up on Native CDFIs.

The CDFI Fund is a division of the U.S. Treasury. The CDFI Fund was established by the

Reigle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994. The CDFI Fund was created for the purpose of promoting economic revitalization and community development through investment in and assistance to community development financial institutions (CDFIs). Since its creation the CDFI Fund has made \$771 million in awards to CDFIs.

Bank2 books HUD-184 loans

OKLAHOMA CITY - Bank2 of Oklahoma City has accomplished yet another first in the banking industry.

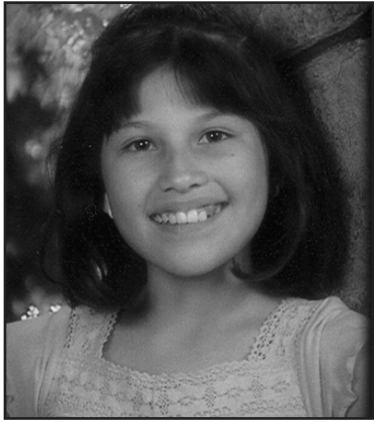
"I am proud to announce that as of today Bank2 has become the first lending institution in the United States to book the first HUD-184 home loans ever in the states of Missouri, Alabama and Mississippi, said Ross A. Hill, President and CEO of Bank2. "This is a significant accomplishment for our team especially when you consider we are less than five years young. No doubt it demonstrates our commitment to meeting the needs of those who need our services most."

The HUD-184 Loan Guarantee Program was created by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 to address the lack of mortgage capital in Indian Country. As of the end of May 2006, Oklahoma leads the U.S. with 976 HUD-184 loans closed. Alaska is a distant second with 499. Arizona is third with 418. Wisconsin follows with 258.

Bank2 is a growing \$85 million full service financial institution headquartered in Oklahoma City, OK and is owned one hundred percent by the Chickasaw Nation. To learn more about Bank2 visit www.bank2.biz



Good grades at Washington School



Mikayla Hook

Mikayla Hook of Pontotoc, Okla. is a third grade student at Washington Elementary in Ada, Okla.

She completed the school year with perfect attendance and was recently selected as the JOM third grade girl of the year. She has also been selected as student of the week twice. Mikayla is very active in soccer and has been on the principal's honor roll all year.

She is the daughter of Michael and Deborah Hook, of Pontotoc, Okla., and the granddaughter of Betty Martin, Pontotoc, and Lonnie and Ruth Shelley, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Doing well on the soccer field



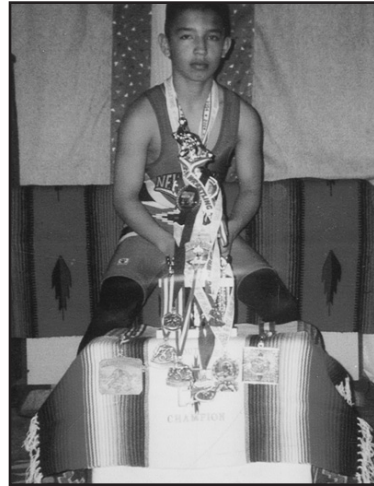
Heath Hook

Heath Hook of Pontotoc, Okla. is a four-year-old pre-k student at Glenwood Early Child Center in Ada, Okla.

He loved to play for the Grasshopper's soccer team for the first time this year, but his favorite past time is spending time with "Gu Gu," his uncle Carlton.

Heath is the son of Michael and Deborah Hook, of Pontotoc, Okla., and the grandson of Betty Martin, Pontotoc, Okla., and Lonnie and Ruth Shelley, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Chickasaw boy is outstanding NM wrestler



Chris Gipson

Chris "Dino" Gipson is undefeated New Mexico State Wrestling Champion of 2006, and also The Greater Southwest Champion of 2006.

He also took 3rd place at the Rocky Mountain Nationals in Denver. Dino received the most outstanding wrestling award and a letter from the New Mexico State Senate for his wrestling ability.

Dino finished his season with a record of 70 wins and 4 losses. He is undefeated in New

Mexico.

Dino is coached by his father, Chris.

Dino's parents are Chris and Melissa Gipson. His grandparents are James and Tina Gipson, all of San Juan, N.M. His great-grandparents are Minnie Gipson, of Stonewall, Okla., and the late Andrew Gipson.

Parents, grandparents and great-grandmother are very proud of Dino, Dino is Chickasaw/Tewo Indian.

Watching PGA tournament



Members of the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Club attended the 67th Senior PGA Championship at the Oak Tree Golf Club in Edmond, Okla., on May 22, 2006.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Ada Chickasaw Community Council

Ada, Oklahoma – 3rd Thursday at 6:30

Marie Bailey Community Center

Lura Mullican

580-332-8478

l.mullican@chickasaw.net

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council

Connerville, Oklahoma – Tuesday before 3rd Friday at 6:30 pm

Chickasaw Senior Center – Connerville, OK

Emma Mcleod, Contact

580-371-2361

Emma.mcleod@chickasaw.net

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado

Denver, Colorado – 2nd Saturday at 11:30 am

Meetings at various locations around Denver

Carol Berry, Contact

303-235-0282

Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

Duncan Chickasaw Community Council

Duncan, Oklahoma – 1st Monday at 6:30 pm

2414 Harris Drive, Duncan, OK

Kathleen Stoner, Chair

580-475-0410

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council

Tishomingo, Oklahoma – 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm

Chickasaw Community Center, Tishomingo, OK

Ann Fink, Chair

580-371-3351

Flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

Enos, Oklahoma – 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Enos Fire Department, Enos, OK

Sara Lea, Chair

580-564-4570

Lsar747@duracom.net

North Texas Chickasaw

Community Council

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, Texas – 1st Saturday every other month at 5:00 Various Locations

John C. Atkins, Chair

972-271-0692

Linda Hewitt, Secretary

214-543-1080

www.lhewitt9@netzero.com

Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Chickasaw Council House 3301 E. Reno, Oklahoma City, OK

Linda Giles, Chair

405-204-0536

Lgiles20@cox.net

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

Purcell, Oklahoma – 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Regional Office - 1601 S. Green Ave., Purcell, OK

Keith Shackelford, Chair

405-527-5745

lowakchuffa@yahoo.com

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

San Antonio, Texas – Last Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Meetings at various locations in San Antonio, TX

Michele Moody, Chair

210-492-2288

Moody@DocuGuides.com

Tishomingo Chickasaw Community Council

Tishomingo, Oklahoma – Thursday before 3rd Friday at 6:30 pm

Chickasaw Community Center, Tishomingo, OK

Jimme Sweat, President

580-371-9541

Jimme_sweat@sbc.global.net

Tuttle Chickasaw Community Council

Tuttle, Oklahoma – 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

Tuttle Senior Citizens Building

Thomas H. Hogland, Organizer

405-381-2268

Chickasaw West Community Council

Temecula, California – 3rd Saturday every other month for lunch

Country Garden Café

Sharon Tandy, Chair

818-985-8392

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, Kansas

Wichita, Kansas - 3rd Sunday of the month after church

Lynn Stumblingbear, Facilitator

316-945-9219

lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, Kansas

July 15, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. Mid-America Indian Center, Riverfront Room

650 N. Seneca

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Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219



Students gain aeronautics knowledge at Aviation and Space Academy



Dozens of Native American students enjoyed a visit from astronaut Cmdr. John Herrington, U.S.N., during the recent fourth annual Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space

Academy (CNASA).

Cmdr. Herrington, who recently retired from NASA, became the first Native American in space during his November 2002 Shuttle mission to the International Space Station.

After giving a brief account of his own experiences leading up to and including his time at NASA, Cmdr. Herrington answered questions from the students.

One student asked Cmdr. Herrington if he had ever made a mistake in space.

He responded frankly that he had actually taken the wrong tool on one of his space walks.

"It's not a very good feeling when you make a mistake and everybody knows about it," said Cmdr. Herrington. "But everybody makes mistakes in life. What's important is how you recover from those mistakes."

High school students attended CNASA June 12 through 15, while students in fifth through eighth grades attended June 19 through 22.

Students gained valuable hands-on experience and knowledge about aviation and aerospace history, technology and careers.

Participants at CNASA took a flight in a single-engine air-

plane, visited the Tulsa Air and Space Museum, built and flew model airplanes and received classroom instruction.

For many students, the visit from Cmdr. Herrington was the highlight of CNASA.

Many students also enjoyed taking the controls of an airplane for the first time.

"The pilot let me fly on my own for about five minutes, but he had his hands right there in case we started to go down," said Bridgette Bell with a laugh. Bridgette, from Sulphur, Okla., won a "Top Gun" award for being an exceptional student.

Bridgette said she attends several of the Chickasaw Nation camps.

"Of all the camps, this is my favorite," she said.

Another "Top Gun," Andrew Scribner, said he hoped to be an airline pilot. He said the trip to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum was one of his favorite activities at CNASA.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the camp was developed as part of the tribe's commitment to making exciting educational opportunities available to Chickasaw

students.

"Our goal is to create an environment where these young people are encouraged to consider careers in science and technology and inspired to pursue excellence," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Our first two years have been a great success. Many of the students left camp thinking about careers they may have never considered before, and we expect this year's camp will expand the horizons of even more Chickasaw students."

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CNASA student Destiny Hatton concentrates as she builds a model airplane.

CNASA student sets sights on the stars

Heather Cheney recently completed her fourth year at the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy. This 16-year-old from South Texas gives CNASA some credit for inspiring her to dedicate herself to her dream of becoming an astronaut.

"When I came the first year I was really excited, because I knew I wanted to be an astronaut," said Ms. Cheney. "When I learned more about the careers (in aviation and space) I wanted it so much that I was determined that I was not going to fail. It made me strive to the very best of my capabilities."

There is evidence that hard work is already paying benefits.

Not long before attending this year's session, Ms. Cheney learned that she had been accepted into the prestigious Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science.

Only Texas high school sophomores who earn a score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test comparable to Texas high school seniors planning to major in math, science or engineering are accepted into TAMS.

The average entering composite score for the Class of 2006 was 1285.

As a student at TAMS, Ms. Cheney will take what the institute's Web site describes as "a rigorous curriculum of regular and honors university courses taught by university faculty. There are no special

"TAMS" classes or high school classes."

Ms. Cheney said "I love math and science. I do them just for fun. So this is just going to be a haven for me. I'm going to have fun."

TAMS students graduate with 57 hours of college credit in addition to a high school diploma.

Ms. Cheney plans to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after graduating from TAMS.

"When I was six years old I said I was going to be an astronaut and I'm going to MIT," she said. "I don't know how I knew what MIT was when I was six, but I did."

She plans to earn her doctorate at MIT on her way to a career at NASA.

"I'm not going to settle for anything else, because (CNASA) has helped me see what the ca-

reer is about and what it takes to get there."

Ms. Cheney met Chickasaw astronaut John Herrington shortly after he returned from his shuttle mission in 2002.

Commander Herrington gave a video presentation detailing his trip to the International Space station, including space walks.

"My hero immediately changed from Neil Armstrong to John Herrington that day," She said. "I have a picture of him on the wall and I really look up to him."

For others who might be interested in pursuing a career in aviation or aerospace, Ms. Cheney has this advice.

"Do not try to become (an astronaut) unless you are completely devoted to it. It's going to take a lot of hard work on the road and if you slack at all, it's not going to come true."

CNASA 'Top Guns'

Taylor Lyda was recognized as "Super Top Gun" for her outstanding efforts during the high school session of CNASA.

Blake Barnes earned the "Super Top Gun" award in the fifth through eighth grade camp.

Andrew Scribner and Bridgette Bell each won the "Top Gun" award for high school students in their respective class at CNASA.

Caleb Arter and Katy Blackman were each honored with "Top Gun" awards in their

respective class for students in fifth through eighth grade.

Each year several outstanding students attending CNASA are recognized as "Top Guns."

Students are divided into two or more classes, and one student in each class is recognized as a "Top Gun."

One student from each week's session is recognized as "Super Top Gun." Two or more students, one from each respective class each week, is recognized as a "Top Gun."



CNASA students from left Andrew Scribner "Top Gun," Blake Barnes "Super Top Gun," and Bridgette Bell "Top Gun."

Students honored upon completing GEDs, Career Tech training

"Commencement doesn't mean the end, it means the beginning of a new path," were the words professed at the Career Technology and Training Development and GED Student Award Banquet conducted at Microtel Inn & Suites in Davis.

Although these graduates did not walk across the stage in traditional fashion, they will march across a new frontier armed with higher education.

"It's a big accomplishment and you've all succeeded," said Chickasaw tribal legislator Wanda Scott. "Now, it is time to take it to the next step and keep trying and keep doing."

Lynne Chatfield, adult learning program manager, said many students take the next step immediately when they are given a promotion after receiving their GED.

Twenty GED students and 19 technology and development students received their certificates. The GED students received a gift and \$200 and the Career Technology and Development students received \$400 and a gift.

The adult learning program is currently serving 66 students at six locations including Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Purcell, Sulphur and Duncan. The classes are free and open to anyone; however, there is a Native American preference. The program is now offering a GED Fast Track four-month program that allows students to work online to prepare for the GED test. There are entrance requirements for the fast track program. For more information call 580-310-6625.

The technology and training program serviced over 200 students attending vocational or technical school last year. The program offers short-term and full-time programs in area such as practical nursing, heating and air, EMT, computer information systems, cosmetology, business technology and more. The program has a 95 percent completion rate. All Chickasaw citizens living anywhere in the U.S. are eligible for the program regardless of income. To enroll, interested citizens must complete an application

located online at www.chickasaweducation.com or call 580-421-7711 for more information.

This year's graduates are as follows:

Career Technology and Training Development recipients are Monica Blue, Shonda Chesher, Val Cook, Regina Golden, Bradley Jefferson, Anthony Lewis Jr., Joe Lowery, Angelina Luethje, Kenny Mayfield, Lori Morris, Jimmy Mullens, Matthew Pettigrew, Johnson Porter, Tanee Reeves, Kyla Rosell, Jason Scott, Odelia Tiger, Vera Tyson and Brooke Williams.

GED Recipients are Samantha Alford, Mysti Clark, Anna Comstock, Lee Cravatt, Ashley Duncan, James T. Fulsom, Brandy Hagood, Donna Hutchins, Celia Johnson, Jason Kite, Kim Lewis, Shanda Loper, Kristen Nance, Heather Parks, Crystal Pryor, Stevie Shiosee, Vashti Spencer, Delilah Walker, Sabrina Wheat and Stacy Yandell.

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Chickasaw Enterprises employee Donna Hutchins, right, accepts her GED certificate from Lori Hamilton, education services director for the Chickasaw Nation at the awards banquet on May 23. Hutchins was promoted after receiving her GED.

Fall Clemente Program

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities has a unique opportunity for Chickasaws to learn more about their own culture, history and traditions.

Known as the Chikasha Imanapah Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Course, this program is offered to not only Chickasaws, but anyone interested in the Chickasaw culture, how it compares to Western culture and that of other tribal nations.

Clemente I class is a college-level course in which Chickasaw culture is explored along with the dominant Western culture. Classes focus on student participation and discussion, with special emphasis on language and components in art, poetry and literature, identity issues, culture, education, written and oral history, community and clan traditions, government, environment and world philosophy. Upon successful completion of the Clemente course, students earn three college credit hours.

Through this program, which currently takes place in the Native American Studies Center on the campus of East Central University in Ada, students gain an increased awareness and knowledge of community, tribal and national affairs.

The class meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:05 p.m. in room 322 of the Horace Mann Building at ECU and will begin August 24. The final day of class will be December 14.

"We're securing more cultural specialists, presenters and experts in the fields of government, art, literature and culture to enrich the experience for students," said Kelley Isom, coordinator for the department of humanities and literary arts and class facilitator. "The classes offer unique opportunities to see how the Chickasaw culture affects how we view the rest of the world and how it influences all of our experiences."

"A key ingredient to any humanities study is language," Mrs. Isom said. "Our language specialist is a fluent speaker and

brings invaluable knowledge and expertise to the complete class experience."

Classes are not necessarily only for students who are pursuing a degree, but any citizen who is interested in learning more about the Chickasaw culture and is willing to share ideas, interpretations and opinions with others students.

"We are so pleased to offer a limited number of tuition scholarships exclusively for the Clemente course available for interested Chickasaw students through the arts and humanities division," said Lona Barrick, division administrator. "Class size is limited and we have established wait lists so we encourage those interested in taking the course to contact us as soon as possible."

For information on the fall 2006 Chickasaw Clemente I Humanities Course, contact Kelley Isom or Laura Clark, department of humanities and literary arts assistant, at (580) 272-5520.

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Maytubby earns USTA scholarship

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - Bruce Maytubby, a senior at Anadarko, Okla. High School, has been selected one of 35 winners nationwide of a \$5,000 college scholarship by the MassMutual Foundation for Hartford, Inc. (MassMutual Foundation) through its association with the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) Tennis & Education Foundation.



Bruce Maytubby

Bruce has proven himself on and off the tennis court. Winner of the National Minority Leadership and Outstanding Character Awards, he is also a member of Anadarko High School's National Honor Society. A Native American, who has participated in the American Indian Nationsl,

plans on attending University of Oklahoma.

The 35 honorees were selected from applicants nationwide on the basis of their commitment to academic success, their local community and the game of tennis.

"On behalf of MassMutual, I'm pleased to award this scholarship and help support Bruce Maytubby's academic endeavors. He has clearly demonstrated leadership, strong tennis skills and academic excellence," said Ron Copes, corporate vice president of Community Relations, MassMutual. "All of the honorees are talented and deserving students whose college education will now be more affordable. We wish the best of luck."

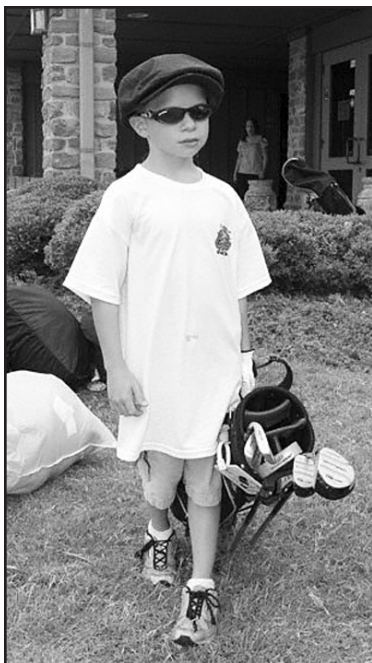
The MassMutual Foundation support of the USTA Tennis & Education Foundation began last year and continues through 2007 with 35 college scholarships awarded annually for a total contribution of \$525,000.



Tribal Golf Camp brings out the best in aspiring Chickasaw players



Golf coach Britt Johnson prepares the campers for skill development activities.



A cool camper prepares for a round of golf.

KINGSTON, Okla. - Chipping, putting, birdies, eagles and bogies.

Participants in the Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp became very familiar with these golf terms over the course of the four-day golf camp June 4-7. Aspiring Chickasaw golfers ages eight to 18 learned lots of golf techniques at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Resort in Kingston.

"The kids get to see a beautiful place," said Britt Johnson, six-year volunteer camp coach and Chickasaw Nation Health Systems physical therapy manager.

Campers played golf on the 18-hole course overlooking Lake Texoma. Golf Week magazine has ranked Chickasaw Pointe among the top ten public

courses in the U.S.

However, campers weren't there to simply enjoy the scenery. Players came to hone their skills.

Sixteen-year-old Lauren Fernberg of Moore, Okla., said she wanted to improve her golf game to earn a college scholarship. She recently traded in her softball bats for golf clubs because she believes she is better suited for golf.

"I like this camp because everyone is welcoming," Lauren said. "You can learn and have fun at the same time."

Nearly 100 young golfers kids the camp coached by collegiate and veteran golfers.

Not everyone was an advanced player trying to nip at the heels of Tiger Woods. Beginners practiced basic skills including form, driving, chipping and putting.

"It's exciting to watch kids who have never held a golf club come away with experience and knowledge of the game," said Roxanna Newsom, camp cook and tribal food distribution manager.

The more advanced golfers competed in a scramble game where campers and coaches divided into 16 teams of four and played nine holes. Winning with a score of 58 (14 under par) was the team of Kevin King, Chris Campbell, Rowdy Wright and Brandy Cozad.

Chickasaw Nation Governor

Bill Anoatubby said the skills developed at the golf camp can be used both on and off the greens.

"Golf is an individual sport that requires self-discipline and a strong work ethic," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Also, the etiquette and rules of golf foster care and respect for others."

At the conclusion of the camp, the ambience seemed to be happiness and fellowship as demonstrated by all the smiling faces of campers, counselors and coaches.

"Seeing the kids progress from year to year and embrace the game of golf," makes the long hours in the sun all worth it for coach Johnson.

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Ground broken on new Tishomingo Wellness Center



Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Keel, tribal legislators and other dignitaries break ground in June on the new Tishomingo Wellness Center.

TISHOMINGO - The city of Tishomingo will become a little healthier next spring. Tishomingo will be the home of the newest Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center. The center is expected to be completed by May 2007.

The 9,365-square-foot facility will be located just east of the Indian Health Facility on East Sixth Street. It will feature a physical therapy area, an aerobics and martial arts area, along with areas designated for free weights, machine weights and cardio equipment.

Participants may choose from a variety of structured classes such as aerobics, kick-

boxing and martial arts, lap walking or may simply work out on the equipment at their own pace. A qualified staff is available during all business hours to give individual attention, measure progress or give a word of encouragement.

"Our goal is to provide an affordable, quality facility to improve the health of Chickasaws, and the entire community," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

Sandi Sanders, operating officer for the Chickasaw Nation Health System, said the center is eagerly anticipated by local citizens who are looking for comprehensive wellness activities. She hopes the Tishomingo community will experience the same results as other wellness

center members.

"Current members report increased endurance, weight loss and better self-images since they have begun to take control of their personal health," Mrs. Sanders said.

The wellness center will not only focus on physical services, but also nutrition and education services for a holistic approach to health.

Membership is open to community members for a small fee and free to Native Americans and Chickasaw Nation employees.

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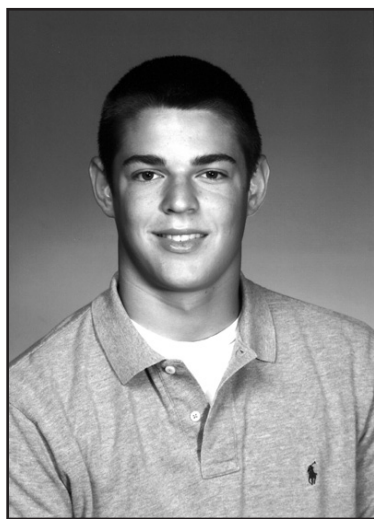
A golfer tries to chip the ball onto the green.

Book Fair



Prairie Mitchell, Sabby Reed and Taylor Franks pose with Clifford at the Tribal Library Book Fair. The book fair raised \$570 for the purchase of more books.

Chickasaw student to military academy seminars



Taylor Hamilton

to attend seminars at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.; the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; and the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Selection to each summer seminar is highly competitive.

At West Point, Taylor will be among 800 students participating in the summer leaders seminar. At Annapolis, Taylor will become familiar with Naval Academy experience including academics, physical training and leadership. At Colorado Springs, he will participate in academic workshops and military and physical training scenarios.

Taylor is the son of Dr. Denison and Kay Hamilton, of Leawood, Kansas. He is the grandson of Frances Chitwood Shumate, of Charleston, Ark.

A Chickasaw student has been selected to attend three military academy summer seminars.

Taylor Hamilton, a rising junior at Blue Valley North (KS) High School, has been selected

Chickasaw man elected president of law students' association



Daron Carreiro

1970 to promote the study of federal Indian law and to support Native American students in law school. The organization also engages Native communities and encourages Native people to pursue legal educations.

Mr. Carreiro is a 2002 graduate of Dartmouth College where he received a bachelor's degree in Native American studies and Geography. He is a juris doctor candidate at Columbia University Law School in New York.

Mr. Carreiro has worked in the Washington, D.C. office of Chickasaw ambassador to the U.S. Charles Blackwell, and has also worked for law firms in Oklahoma, Alaska and Washington, D.C.

"I look forward to working with NNALSA to improve the organization, its work in Indian law and its service to Indian country," Mr. Carreiro said.

ALBUQUERQUE – Native American law students have recently elected a Chickasaw man to represent them as organization president.

Daron Carreiro was elected president during the National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) annual conference April 7 in Albuquerque.

NNALSA was founded in

Seely/Blue Cemetery seeks help

Caretakers of the Seely/Blue Cemetery are seeking information on several unmarked graves at the cemetery. If you have any information on these markers, please be in touch with Lillie Wisdom at (580) 836-7142.

The cemetery very much

appreciates donations. These contributions help with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Donations may be directed to Warren Reed, 824 Ridge Road, Ada, OK 74820. You may call Mr. Reed at (580) 436-9033.

Wins \$10,000 at charity event

Chickasaw golfer hits hole in one



Klint Johnson

A 16-year-old Chickasaw golfer recently was rewarded for hitting golf's most prized shot.

Klint Johnson, of Frisco, Texas, hit a hole in one during an April 15 charity golf tournament played at Creekside Golf Course in Crandall, Texas. Not only did Klint hit the great shot, he won \$10,000 as part of the event.

Klint hit the hole in one on the par 3, 185-yard ninth hole. A seven-iron was Klint's club of choice.

The ninth hole was sponsored by Moore Law Firm, of Plano, Texas. A hole in one would win

the prize that day, and Klint was the winner.

Klint is the son of Lisa Harrill Johnson. His grandparents are Randy and Anita Kay Harrill. He is the great-grandson of Violet Harrill, of Burneyville, Okla., and the late Arlie Harrill.

Klint's family is very proud of his efforts and his determination in improving his golf game.

We are very proud of Klint's dedication and outstanding accomplishments, as well as his love for his family and friends. Congratulations!

Chickasaw boy competing with Memphis swim team

Nine-year-old Logan Havern is a member of the Memphis Thunder swim team.

Logan has been a member of the Thunder since March 2005. He practices six days a week for one and one-half hours daily.

Logan is also a member of the

Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Club for each grading period this past school year.

Logan's great-grandmother is the late Charline Penner Von-Tungeln who was born at Mill Creek, Okla., in 1914.



Logan Havern

Dream of owning your own home?

CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market Conventional Loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The CNDHTD can assist you with down payment and closing costs. Qualified borrowers invest as little as \$500.00. We offer expanded underwriting guidelines that allow those with less than perfect credit to be approved. There are no income guidelines. Maximum loan amount is \$359,650.00 and the minimum is \$10,000. In addition we can assist with refinancing for homeowners who want to lower their interest rates and or payments.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building your own home? If you have been approved for your 30 year financing, Housing Counseling & Loan Services can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. This program is open to Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation anywhere in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate on the construction loan is only 5%, the term is 6 months and be prepared to make interest payments on the construction loan during construction. Please call us for further information.



HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM: Do you need to make improvements to your home but just don't have the money? Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development's Home

Improvement Loan Program may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is \$30,000.00; interest rate is 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage for home improvements. Available only for Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a licensed contractor.

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Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest May 2006 winners

The Homeowners Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest is sponsored by the Division of Housing and is open to all families who are current participants in the Homeowners program by calling (580) 421-8855. The contest will run from May through August.

Two homes from each legislative district were chosen to receive the Legislative Award. The Legislative Award entitles the homeowner to a certificate and a free month's rent.

The Lt. Governor's Award is then selected from the Legislative Award winners. The Lt. Governor's Award is a \$50 Wal Mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for May 2006 is Curtis Hughey.

The four Lt. Governor's winners will be eligible for the Governor's award of a \$250 Wal Mart gift card.



Billy Duckworth - Panola/Tishomingo District



Danny Williams - Pickens District



Joe Beshirs - Panola/Tishomingo District



John Lindsey - Pickens District

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Gov. Anoatubby has also requested a \$10 million appropriation for the new "Services at Large" programs. Housing rehabilitation grants, burial assistance, and prescription medicines will, for the first time, be available for citizens living outside the physical borders of the Chickasaw Nation.

Educational scholarships and grants have long been available to students living anywhere. Now, new programs such as a tutorial reimbursement program,

graduation assistance and reading program are requested as part of the appropriation.

Outlays for tribal development, including real estate purchases, construction and capital improvements, are expected to total more than \$50 million. Construction of a new education administration facility, the Chickasaw Cultural Center, a wellness center, a sick child day-care, senior site and a judicial building are among other major projects on that list.

Tribal businesses continue their rapid growth phase and net income is projected to reach close to \$200 million. Tribal businesses are projecting operating outlays in excess of \$325 million and capital outlays totaling more than \$70 million.

Capital projects and improvements already on the drawing board for the upcoming fiscal year include continued development at WinStar Casinos in Thackerville and the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur.

Tribal business mission focuses on Chickasaw programs

Tribal business projects are under way as tribal budgets continue to increase focus on programs and services for all Chickasaws.

A new casino facility, Riverwind, will open this month in Goldsby, Okla. Riverwind will be the largest, most modern and inviting casino in Oklahoma. The 219,000-square-foot casino rests just west of Interstate 35, and just south of the Canadian River. Its target market is Oklahoma City and metro area.

A concerted effort to make WinStar Casinos near the Texas

border on Interstate 35 a destination spot is ongoing. The facility has recently added an 18-hole championship golf course, and the facility itself is undergoing an extensive facelift and expansion. WinStar's target market is the Dallas/Fort Worth metro area.

Along with the new Chickasaw Cultural Center under construction in Sulphur, the tribe will soon embark on the construction of the Artesian Hotel. This recreation of a territorial-era hotel which once operated in Sulphur, the Artesian will be

designed to attract visitors for an extended stay in the Chickasaw Nation.

These and many other projects are currently under way, or will soon begin work.

"Our mission is to serve and enhance the lives of the Chickasaw people," Chickasaw Enterprises CEO Brian Campbell said.

"Everything we do is directed to create self-sufficiency for our tribe, and to provide the resources Chickasaw people need to build good lives."



Curtis Hughey - Pontotoc District



Ray Wilkerson - Pontotoc District

Sara Norton

Sara Christine Norton is a 2006 graduate of Velma-Alma High School, Velma, Okla. She is the daughter of Patrick and Leona Norton of Velma.

Sara graduated as valedictorian of her class. She served as student council secretary, District 3 Student Council secretary and *Comet Express* newspaper editor-in-chief. She was a member of Beta Club, National Honor Society and the Comet Reading and Tutoring Program. She cheered on the varsity cheerleading squad for the Velma-Alma Comets. She is active in Velma Baptist Church and participates in the youth group and small group ministries. She volunteers her time to help with Children's Church and nursery work. She has taught vacation Bible school and led a middle school girl's small group. Sara has received many academic honors including Superintendent's Honor Roll, JOM Governor's Honor Club and Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society. She was named "Most Likely to Succeed" and "Best All Around" by her senior class. and Lion's Club Student of the Month and Masonic Student of the Year. She received the Velma-Alma High School Best All Around Senior Girl and Jacob Leffler Outstanding Senior awards.

In her spare time, Sara enjoys spending time at the lake with her family, including her brothers and sister, Luke, Colt and Hana Norton; reading and writing, and watching Joyce Meyer on television.

She plans to attend East Central University in Ada, Okla., to major in English and pursue a career in the Christian Ministry as a writer.



Athena Angelly



Athena Shea Angelly is a 2006 graduate of Allen High School, Allen, Okla. She is the daughter of Judy Howell and Larry Angelly. She is the granddaughter of Marie Titsworth. She is 7/32 Chickasaw and proud of her heritage. Her great-grandfather and great-grandmother were original enrollees.

Athena was active in FCCLA, BPA, the Indian club and yearbook. She was a member of the Principal's Honor Roll and the Governor's Honor Roll.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla. to pursue a career as a pharmacist.

Allison Short

Allison Jean Short is a 2006 graduate of McAlester High School, McAlester, Okla. She is the daughter of Gary and Evett Short. She is the granddaughter of Fred and Mary Short, of Ventura, Calif., and Bob and Mary Oliphant of Oklahoma City.

Allison has been a student at Pam's Academy of Dance for 16 years and a member of high school pom squad for three years. She is a devoted art, painting and photography student.

She plans to attend Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo., to pursue a degree in art education.



Leah Bond

Leah Janelle Bond is a 2006 graduate of Latta High School, Latta, Okla. She is the daughter of Ron and Neva Bond of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Cuma Bond and the late Joe and Ruth (Stick) Frazier. She has a brother, Sheldon Bond.



Leah is a member of Ada First Indian Baptist Church and actively involved the church youth group as youth director. She participated in a summer mission trip to Espanola, N.M., taught vacation Bible school and is involved in other church activities. She attended the Latta School System for 14 years. She was selected Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month for May 2002 and April 2003. She was an active member of FCCLA for three years, serving as secretary for one year, class secretary for one year, FCCLA historian for one year, DECA for one year, FCA for two years and FFA for one year. She was selected to serve on the Board of Directors for Vision Bank of American in 2005-2006.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., for two years, then transfer to Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) to pursue a major in the medical health profession and minor in youth ministry.

Whytney Mask

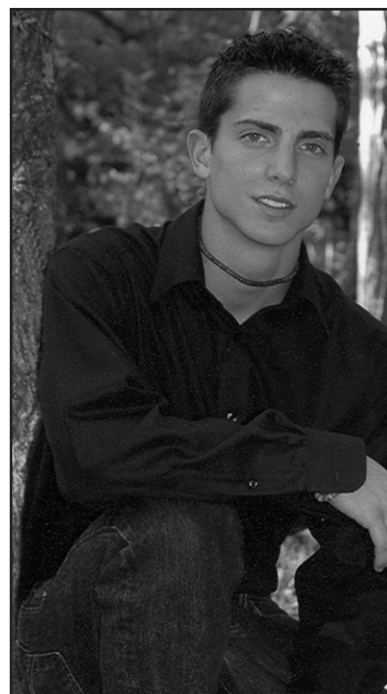
Whytney Renee Mask is a 2006 graduate of Whitewright High School, Whitewright, Texas. She is the daughter of Donald and Janie Stewart.

Whytney is a 2003 powerlifting qualifier, placed second in 2004 State of Texas Powerlifting, 2005 Powerlifting Texas State Champion and placed second at the national level. She was voted senior class Most Dependable and was FCA captain, a member of student council, PAL, and participated in softball.

She will attend Wayland Baptist University as a pre-med student.



Will Alexander



Will Austin Alexander is a 2006 graduate of Victory Life Academy, Durant, Okla. He is the son of Rick and Beth Alexander. He is the grandson of Don and Nancy Alexander of Bonham, Texas and Don and June Leake of Sherman, Texas.

Will participated in track/field and basketball for four years. He was a member of the All State Basketball team for two years. He was nominated Best All Around by his classmates and Most Attractive of his senior class and was co-captain of the basketball team. He is an active member of Victory Life Family Worship Center, Durant. He is currently self-employed and plans to attend college in the fall to major in business and play basketball.

Thank you for all the graduation submissions.

Congratulations to all graduates!

Rebecca Biggs



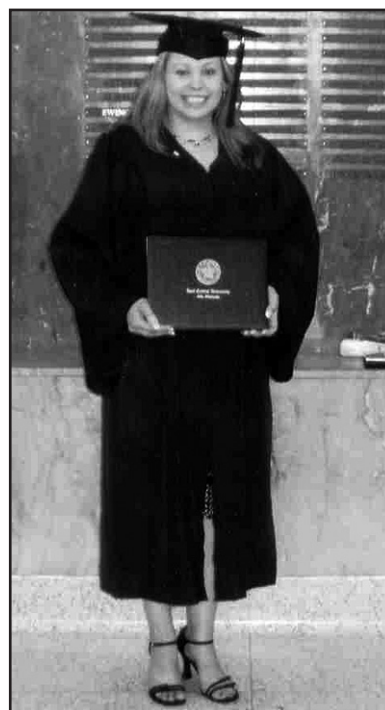
Rebecca Dawnae Biggs is a 2006 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Rance and Annette Biggs. She is the granddaughter of Lela Biggs and the late Ott Biggs of Tishomingo and Gene and Joan Horton of Ravia, Okla., and the late Bill Burris of Tishomingo.

Rebecca carried a 3.83 GPA and was a member of the National Honor Society for four years. She received the President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Award for 2006, the Chickasaw Nation Millennium Scholarship and a certificate of accomplishment for completing the Chickasaw Entrepreneurship Academy. She is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and was voted Most Attractive of her senior class. She was a member of band for seven years, flag corps for four years and a high school cheerleader for three years. She was crowned 2006 Band Queen and was editor of the yearbook. She was voted 2006 Miss Indian of Tishomingo High School and was in the 13 Year Club, a student council officer

for four years, 2006 Prom Queen. She is currently employed by Murray State College as a lifeguard and just recently completed the water safety instructor course and received her WSI certificate. She is an active member of Victory Life Church, Durant, Okla., and served as youth intern this past year.

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University to major in psychology and science.

Carmon Johnson-Jones



Carmon Viola Johnson-Jones is a 2006 graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla. She is the wife of Heath Jones. She is the daughter of Tammy Stick, Ada and Michael Karbowski, Santa Fe, Texas. Her grandparents are Fern Steinkuehler, Ada and Eddie and Carolyn Karbowski, Santa Fe. Carmon's siblings include Kelly Cook and husband Michael Cook, Ashlie Stick, and Joshua Stick all of Ada. She is the aunt of Madison Cook, Ada. Carmon's uncles include Ray Steinkuehler, Ada and Ken Karbowski, Santa Fe, Texas.

Carmon received her bachelor's of science degree in business administration with a management concentration.

Carmon has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation since June 2003. She would like to thank her family, friends, the Chickasaw Nation, Farron Culley, Kevin Worcester, and all of those who supported her while she completed her degree.

William Trent



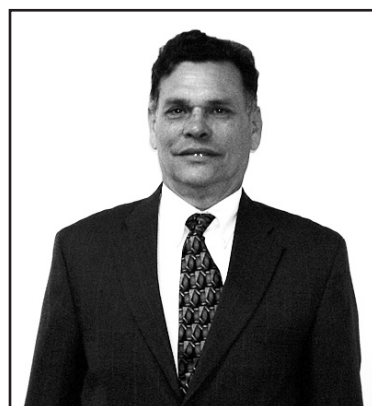
William Trent is a 2006 graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant. He is the son of Jonathan and Dottie Trent of Crystal, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Edna Lou Sophia (Franklin) Cline an original enrollee.

William received a bachelor of science degree in occupational safety and health

with a minor in environmental science. He has accepted a position as safety coordinator at the Igloo Corporation in Katy, Texas. He is appreciative of the assistance provided by the Chickasaw Educational Program.

Heritage Park, clans, homelands discussed

Tribal administrator addresses Colorado Council



Kirk Perry

Kirk Perry, Division Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Heritage Preservation, was featured speaker at the Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado's monthly meeting May 13.

Mr. Perry discussed the new Heritage Park, traditional clans, and the Chickasaw Homeland at the community council's 34th regular meeting, attended by 21 members.

He was asked by the council to come to Denver to talk with Colorado Chickasaws about the cultural issues that interested them. The meeting was held at the mountain home of Stephen and Lisa Bingham, council members, near Golden, Colorado.

Mr. Perry said Heritage Park will occupy about 80 acres along Rock Creek just west of Sulphur. The acreage is grassland leading to a bluff that overlooks the park, which is to replicate a traditional Chickasaw village. Parking will be above the site, with trails leading down to the village.

Other features of Heritage Park will include an administration building and gift shop; waterfalls; a study center and library; a spacious theater; a courtyard, and exhibits and films depicting Chickasaws and their lives.

Mr. Perry noted that the courtyard will have a Leaning Pole and that exhibits will include Mounds, tools, dugout canoes, French rifles, ball sticks, and other cultural items. A Round Room will feature Chickasaw singing and dancing, complete with shell shaking, and a Chickasaw Warrior statue will greet visitors.

Replicas of a Chickasaw winter house, summer house, corn crib, arbors and a round house will be part of Heritage Park, he said.

Mr. Perry responded to questions concerning clan affilia-

tion, noting that the Chickasaw Nation is matrilineal and has an oral history, and that clans are sometimes difficult to identify; we are, however, fortunate to have a museum and library available to help answer questions.

He provided information, including the Chickasaw Roll of 1818 and the Chickasaw Historical Society's Journal of Chickasaw History, Vol. 7, No. 1, Series 25, 2001, to help members tracing their families.

He also showed a map of the Old Homelands in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and described the preservation of artifacts, including those recovered from a ridge overlooking a Chickasaw old town in Mississippi where a medical complex is being built.

Among those concerned with the preservation of Chickasaw history and culture are archaeologists from universities in Mississippi and elsewhere, he said, as well as the Chickasaw and Oklahoma Historical Societies, the Chickasaw Language and Repatriation Committees, and the Chickasaw Nation administration.

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Workshops, speakers, fun at WinStar

Okla., Texas elders gather for Annual Senior Conference



A WinStar Casinos magician entertained Carlton and Lucille Keith with amazing card tricks during an evening banquet.

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Approximately 200 seniors from across Oklahoma and Texas gathered at the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging's 14th Annual Senior Conference in Thackerville.

The conference included a resource fair, guest speakers and workshop demonstrators and visits from Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.

The seniors were also able to enjoy dining and gaming at WinStar Casinos, games, entertainment and a night of ballroom dancing with a live band.

During opening ceremonies, Governor Anoatubby shared

how the conference first began and expressed the importance of hosting the annual event.

"We hold our elders in high esteem," he stated. "We have one mission in mind. That's you. We are here to serve you."

Carolyn Dowers and Marjorie Lyons of AARP hosted three workshops on step walking, medication safety and education and maintenance of EMS medical files.

Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Coordinator Matt Clark and assistant Rhonda Hughes taught the seniors breathing and stretching techniques using Tai Chi exercises. They demonstrated ways to improve



Seniors Lee Crosley, Pat Bartmess, Dewatha Easterling and Billie Easterling line up to enjoy a chicken fried stake dinner catered by WinStar Casinos.

posture, circulation and core strengthening.

Chickasaw Nation tribal legislator Dean McManus spoke with the seniors about the National Indian Council on Aging Conference that is slated to take place in Tulsa in September.

Sue Linder-Linsley, Chickasaw Cultural Center director, presented a slide show of cultural center updates and construction progress. She also shared information with the seniors on ways they can participate and volunteer at the center.

Language Preservation Specialist Joann Ellis talked about language preservation and a Chickasaw Speakers Directory. The seniors joined her in singing a few Choctaw hymns and Chickasaw storytelling.

The conference concluded with a "Year in Review" presentation by the Division on Aging staff with the year's highlights

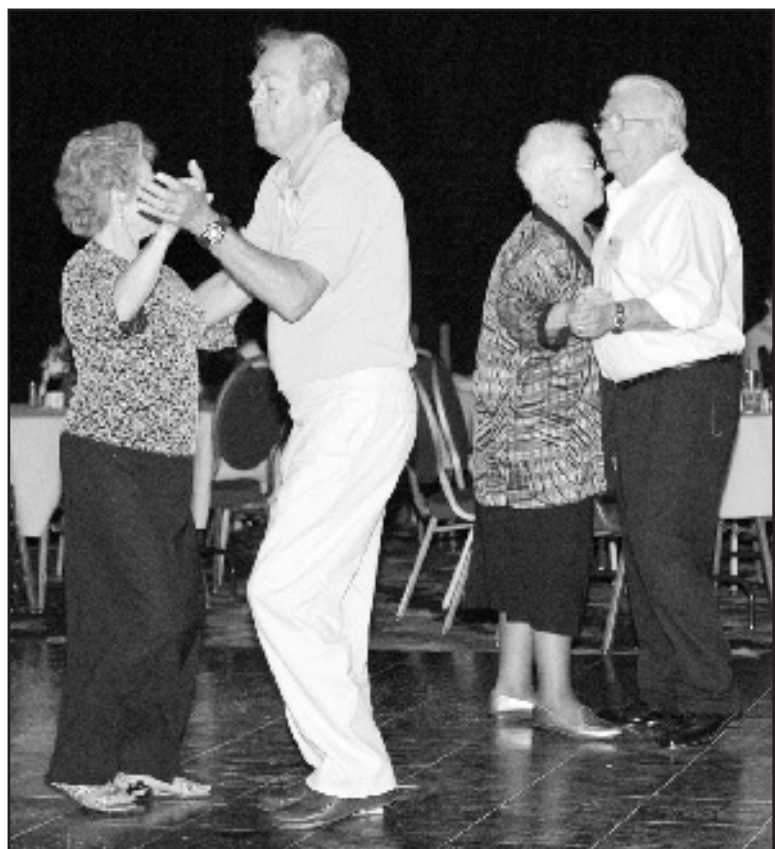
and future plans.

Although this was the 14th conference hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, this was the first time the event took place at WinStar Casinos. For more information on future conferences and other Division on Aging events, call (580) 795-9790.

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Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby address the crowd of approximately 200 seniors who attended the 14th Annual Aging Conference.



Tom and Vernadine Carter and Richard and Joyce Davis were just a few of the seniors who enjoyed the ballroom dancing and live band.



Nadine Lewis, Winnie McNeely and T.J. John join an impromptu choir to sing a few Choctaw hymns during a language presentation by Joann Ellis.

Chickasaw woman graduates from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine



Dr. Jessica Ghareri and her husband, Amir.

Jessica Marie Ghaferi a Lake Arrowhead, Cali. is among the 105 students awarded doctor of medicine degrees at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine's commencement exercises May 25, 2006. The class is the 111th to graduate since the Baltimore school opened in 1893.

Johns Hopkins is among the most competitive medical schools in the nation, with 4,151 applicants for 120 places in the freshman class this fall. Dr. Ghaferi is among the top of her class, and has been elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society.

Dr. Ghaferi will intern at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., and continue her training in the field of dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. She hopes to become a dermatologic surgeon, to train future physicians and dermatologists, and plans to continue volunteering her time in the local community.

Family of Dr. Ghaferi in this region includes her husband, Amir, a physician in training in the field of general surgery.

Dr. Ghaferi is the daughter of Patricia and Eduardo Delgado, of Rialto, Cali. and Ronald Flynn, of Lake Arrowhead, Cali. She is the granddaughter of Rebecca and the late LaVerne Gienapp, of Kingman, Ariz.

Connerville seniors live the good life in small town Oklahoma



Judy Fisher, Catherine Pendergraft and Lucille Norman work on arrangements for a trip several site members were planning to Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

A little community resting on Oklahoma State Highway 99 may easily go unnoticed by travelers rushing by to other destinations. But just as the speed limit signs indicate, everyone has to slow down in Connerville.

There's no need to "hurry up" here.

Connerville is a quiet town with deep roots. Strangers don't stay strangers long, and secrets have short lives, too.

Everyone is related to someone, and residents make a game of figuring out exactly what that relation is.

Neighbors have been neighbors for years, and classmates have parents who were classmates who have parents who were classmates.

Yes, Connerville is the quintessential little community. That fact is also evident at the Chickasaw Nation Connerville Senior

Site.

Site members have known each other for years but also seem to welcome a new face with open arms. They share stories from primary school, and from last weekend. And through the years, some have even become related.

This senior site has become a gathering place where family and long-time friends can get together and enjoy lunch or play cards or catch up on community news. There's no need for a special event to get these folks together, just a hot meal cooked by "the best cook in the Chickasaw Nation," Ms. Lillian Underwood.

Families don't need events, just each other. And that's what this group of seniors has become, their own little family. They laugh like a family, care like a family, tease like a family

and, occasionally, scuffle like one too.

But just like any other family would do, they come back the next day, put their feet under the table, say grace and carry on like nothing ever happened.

What these seniors realize is that when you've known someone for 40 to 50 years, everything has already been said. Good and bad, it's been covered.

So this senior site carries on. Remembering the "good ol' days" and laughing about the "not-so-good ol' days," sharing photos of grandkids and great-

grandkids, mourning the loss of long-time friends.

And just outside the front door of the center, Highway 99 carries travelers in and out of Connerville every day. But occasionally, one will slow down enough to pull off the highway and look up. And when they do, they will discover that Connerville is a quiet town with deep roots where strangers don't stay strangers long. And in it resides a group of seniors who love each other like family.

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Lillian Underwood, "chef extraordinaire" works in the kitchen each day preparing lunches for the seniors.

'It's Your Environment' Camp



Students at "It's Your Environment" Camp retrieve a water sample during a field trip to Byrd's Mill Spring, which serves as Ada, Oklahoma's water supply.

Each day East Central professors and guest professionals shared with the campers on topics like the importance of environmental health science, water treatment and management, recycling, hazardous waste management, emergency preparedness and bioterrorism, communicable diseases, GPS and GIS uses and occupational safety and health.

The campers took field trips around Ada and southeastern Oklahoma to meet environmental scientists and health professionals to learn more about the measures that are taken on a daily basis to keep water, air and land healthy and contaminate free. Students visited water

treatment plants, Kerr Lab, recycling centers, a landfill and other agencies as well as Byrds Mill Spring, which is Ada's water source.

The students were also taught about computer technologies and specialized equipment used to analyze and understand complex environmental problems including Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

For more information on future environmental camps, contact Robert Pickens, Chickasaw Nation Education Services, at (580) 421-7712.

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ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation and the East Central University Environmental Health Science Department collaborated to offer high school juniors and seniors a closer look at the natural environment through a week-long camp called "It's Your Environment."

The summer enrichment program was part of a larger project entitled the National Environmental Science Partnership Program which is sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The program focuses on educating high school students about the protection of human health and the natural environment from pollution and other environmental hazards. Students were also taught about educational and career opportunities in the fields of environmental health and protection.



Welborn Gross, J.C. Poe and Jimmy Reed sit around "shooting the breeze" after lunch.



Campers had the opportunity to try out hazardous waste clean up suits at East Central University during a lesson on waste management and safety.

Camp Survivor teaches kids healthy, active, energetic lifestyle



Five-year old Caden Manuel enjoys the low-fat ice cream he made.

"Aw, major wedgie," a sun-glistened 12-year-old Taylor Owens Dixon said playfully after she completed her challenge.

Taylor was part of a small group that reached the top of a climbing wall that towered in the sky. Once reaching the top, she completed the sacred ritual of kissing an inanimate frog waiting patiently at the top. Taylor was not alone in conquering physical challenges.

Over 100 Chickasaw campers sought to overcome physical obstacles at the third annual Camp Survivor. The camp is conducted

in Davis held in early June.

Little did campers know, these physical challenges were designed to help them overcome life's challenges and become successful citizens, said Shannon Campbell, program developer.

"The message is for them to acquire the skills to 'survive life' by being healthier leaders," said Allen Elliot, tribal health program manager. "These kids are the future of not only the Chickasaw Nation, but the country."

Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services and the Chickasaw Nation Health System paired to conduct the four-day camp. The camp focused on diabetes awareness, health, team-building, exercise and nutrition.

WIC (Women, Infant and Children) program nutrition counselors hosted sessions on making a fun and healthy version of ice cream. Using plastic baggies, low fat milk, sugar, ice and rock salt, campers created low-fat ice cream in a matter of minutes in single-serving baggies. The sessions created easy clean-up and happy campers.

Each camper also had his blood pressure and blood sugar checked in an effort to detect elevated levels. If test results were abnormal, parents were notified

and encouraged to follow-up with medical care.

A welcome addition to the camp this year was a tobacco prevention session hosted by Christie Byars and the Chickasaw Behavioral Health Department.

Campers were divided into 10 tribes named after colors in the Chickasaw language. The tribes competed in events and accumulated points throughout the week. Events included stickball, canoeing, wall climbing, giant swinging, archery, swimming, crafts, volleyball, horseback riding, hiking, nutrition lessons, tribal councils, and the survivor challenge competition. Campers also started every morning with devotion.

Counselors and campers agreed the camp was a success.

Although counselors were able to create a fun a positive environment for the campers, Elliot said, the staff shouldn't receive all the credit.

"The campers are who really make Camp Survivor a success," he said.

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Survivor campers take a seat in the shade on the hot summer day.

Chickasaws compete in martial arts

A packed house of more than 250 onlookers watched 164 participants compete in the 15th annual Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Tournament on June 10.

Bare feet graced the gym floor of the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center in preparation to perform various styles of martial arts including karate, tae kwon do, kempo and kung fu. Sixty-five Chickasaw students competed in the tournament sanctioned by the Oklahoma Karate Association, said Matt Clark, Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Coordinator and president of OKA.

Clark said the competition was not only about fighting and winning; it was about growing as a person and building character.

"Students learn a new way of life of discipline, honesty, character, sincerity, effort, etiquette and self control," Clark said.

Christina and Danny Hurst, parents of 11-year-old Chickasaw participant Levi Mosier, said they had definitely noticed some

positive changes since Levi began martial arts a few months ago.

"He has more discipline, confidence and good practice habits because of the great teachers," Hurst said.

Despite the character development, 13-year-old Chickasaw participant Taylor Hayes said he just likes fighting.

"I love being able to fight and compete," Taylor said. "I block everyone out and concentrate on the match."

Taylor won the Jr. Black belt forms division for 18 and under in an exciting tie-breaker match. The seven-year veteran fighter performed the styles of tae kwon do and chong gi.

Taylor is one of many champions in the ranks of the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program. In the past year, the program hailed 27 state champions and 11 world champions under the instruction of coordinator Matt Clark who has 18 state titles, seven national titles, one world title and an induction into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame as master instructor of the year in 2005.

The program is continually expanding and offers classes in Ada, Ardmore, Achille, Tishomingo, Purcell, Kingston, Sulphur and Chickasha. The program is open to anyone. It is free to Chickasaws and Chickasaw employees and their families. Classes are \$15.00 a month for the public.

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Taylor Dixon climbs "The Wall" and eventually reaches the top.



Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts student Glenn Stanford tries to block a kick by teammate Jacob Morales at the martial arts tournament on June 10.

Chickasaw golfers do well in Native American Jr. Golf Open

ARDMORE, Okla. - A total of 30 golfers participated in the third annual Native American Junior Golf Open at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore on May 30.

Although the tournament was not the qualifier for the National Native American Junior Golf Championship, golfers ages eight to 18 were able to show off their golfing skills on the par 71, 18-hole municipal golf course. Chris Alford, tournament coordinator, said the tournament was especially beneficial for

Seminole Nation Days Aug. 3-6

SEMINOLE, Okla. - The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma will celebrate its 38th Annual Seminole Nation Days August 3-6, 2006 at the Mekuskey Mission, Seminole. The theme of this year's celebration is "Proud History-Bright Future."

Four days of activities are planned. Golf, softball, volleyball, basketball and horseshoe tournaments, cultural demonstrations, a historical drama and parade, will be featured. The popular Native American group, Indigenous, will perform Friday night and John Anderson, Country and Western singer, will be in concert on Saturday night. There will also be a carnival. All activities are free to the public.

The annual parade will be returning to downtown Seminole, Saturday, August 5, 2006 at 10 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Seminole Nation Bands/Organizations/Programs, Commercial-Community Organizations/Schools, Decorated Cars and Marching Bands. There will also a category for Dignitaries and Princesses. No awards will be given in this category. A parade entry form is required.

If you have questions about the celebration, contact Tammy Norris or Susie McNeal at 405-257-7200. For parade information or to enter, call the Indian Child Welfare office at 405-257-5202.

We look forward to your participation to make this the biggest and best celebration and parade ever!

the younger children who are not able to participate in many competitions.

"The tournament gives the children an opportunity to get some tournament experience before they are old enough to participate in other tournaments," Alford said.

The tournament was open to all Native American students between ages 8-18. Divisions include 8-10, 11-14 and 15-18

male and female groups. The winners were:

Boys: (8-10) Hunter Needham, (11-14) Chad Smith and (15-18) Bryeson Lance.

Girls: (15 & up) Tori McCollum.

Next year the open will be a qualifier for the national tournament.

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15 and over winners were, from left, 2nd place Ryan Miller, 1st place Bryeson Lance and 3rd place Cody Blaine.



11-14 age group winners were, from left, 2nd place Tyler McCollum, 1st place Chad Smith and 3rd place Ryan Woerz.



Girls winners were, from left, 1st place Tori McCollum, 2nd place Lauren Fernberg, and 3rd place Ashton Ward.



10 and under winners were, from left, 1st place Hunter Needham, and 2nd place Austin McCloon.

Ascending to Freedom, 1837 to 1856

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

I
The epoch from Removal beginning in 1837 to the tribe's Constitutional Convention of 1856 consumed less than one generation. To give some perspective, Chickasaw men who were born in the homeland but had no memory of their ancient land and government were participating in or witnessing the development of the tribe's new system of government. Through August, they discussed the developing rule of law under the trees and arbors dotting the landscape around Good Spring in Tishomingo.

In the tribe's history, that epoch is like the bat of an eye. But seen another way, it took the Chickasaws 19 long years to regain their sovereignty. These years must have seemed agonizing given the people's physical and emotional suffering especially during their first decade in Indian Territory. Worse still, they knew that the other tribes that trekked through their own version of the Trail of Tears had emerged at the trail's end with their sovereignty intact.

What made the Chickasaw case different was that the tribe didn't relocate to the Chickasaw Nation but had agreed in the 1837 Treaty of Doaksville to settle in the Choctaw Nation. Why? Because the U.S. and the new state of Mississippi wanted the Chickasaws' land and pre-existing treaties aside, President Andrew Jackson and Congress had informed the tribe that it had two choices: remain as citizens of Mississippi or Alabama, or relocate west of the Mississippi River.

Not having found suitable land of their own, the Chickasaws were forced to decide. Given the time constraint and lack of options, the tribe accepted the Choctaw's offer to settle in the Choctaw Nation (which amounted to the bottom third of what would become Oklahoma). The Choctaw offer was made, according to Charles Carter, a Chickasaw and U.S. Congressman in the 1920s, so the Chickasaws would settle in the middle and form a buffer between the Choctaws to the east and the marauding Plains

tribes to the west.

However, according to the Doaksville Treaty, Chickasaws could settle anywhere in the Choctaw Nation. Conversely, the area designated for them, the Chickasaw District, was also open to Choctaws. Chickasaws were to be represented proportionately in Choctaw government.

We don't have correspondence or reports noting how tribal members felt about this arrangement. At this point, few could read and write. On the one hand, Members of both tribes understood that they had common ancestors in the ancient past. But, they had been long time hostile enemies into the 1760s. While warfare had stopped and animosity had subsided generally, certain clans or families probably had not forgotten even if they were no longer overtly seeking revenge.

That was because around 1800, new, mainly mixed-blood tribal leaders, mainly the Colbert family, announced that the traditional custom of the clan or family seeking blood revenge for the murder of one of their own should end. What had not changed, however, was the right of individual tribal members to act independently.

But even if the Choctaws had been the most accommodating hosts imaginable, the point was that the Choctaws were the hosts. In the early 1840s, the Chickasaws, had become strangers in a strange land.

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Most, like Cyrus Harris, arrived in 1837 or 1838, not having any idea what was in store for them at the end of the trail. Tribal leaders had explored the land before removal and some had selected choice river-bottom land for themselves. Some of these families with plenty of assets, including slaves, settled down right away. But most came with relatively few possessions and were directed into one of five emigration camps in the Choctaw Nation.

Although the Chickasaws had paid for their own provisions, most distributed to the camps were inadequate or spoiled, due to the greed or mismanagement of the federal agents and contractors. Dysentery and small pox were endemic to some of

the camps. Furthermore, the Chickasaws arrived during a period of drought, an ancient sign to many that the great spirits were displeased with them.

Some of the Chickasaws were too weak or dispirited to move. Many others left the dangerous emigration camps as soon as they could and settled on the Boggy or Blue rivers "without money, meat or meal," as one put it. The tribal members who ventured into the Chickasaw District were attacked and run off (and occasionally killed) by bands of Kickapoo (an 18th century enemy), Kiowa and Comanche in order to get their livestock. These tribes also had been displaced and confined by the federal government into relatively small plots of land, which for them was an alien and distasteful way of life. These Chickasaw families were too isolated to strike back effectively let alone defend their homesteads.

As Chickasaw writer Blue Clark put it, the combination of being forced from their homes, exploited by federal agents and herded into emigration camps led to "a fragmentation of Chickasaw society."

Evidence of the tribe's deprivation and fragmentation appeared in early 1839 as different groups petitioned the United States for help. King Ishtehotopa, who arrived in June 1838, asked for corn for the people, as the drought lingered; Isaac Alberson, James Colbert and others requested blacksmiths; and in 1839 and 1840 another group asked for the tribal annuity payment (annual interest from the sale of homeland surplus land) which was then three years late. The request was ignored.

Other petitions were delivered to Washington periodically asking for federal protection so that tribal members could settle in the Chickasaw District. After concluding that the Chickasaws would not (or could not) move into their district, Chickasaw agent A.M. Upshaw implored the War Department to construct a fort near the mouth of the Washita River. The request was ignored for years.

In 1841, several chiefs petitioned the U.S. President to release \$50,000 of the tribe's national fund for the relief of

tribal members "who have no stock either of hogs or Cattle and are destitute of Clothing and provisions." Upshaw reported to his superiors that the chiefs were "harassing him to death." Choctaw Chief Peter Pitchlynn wrote to the government of the Chickasaws' dire situation, noting their need for relief. All requests were ignored.

In an 1842 eyewitness report that was likewise ignored by the U.S. government, Major Ethan A. Hitchcock wrote that since no annuities had been paid to the tribe, survival impelled many to sell their possessions, even their rifles in some cases. While "they are reputed to be the most wealthy of the southwest Indians, they are absolutely in the very worst condition, almost to groveling in poverty and wretchedness."

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At this low ebb in tribal history, the first of the tribal annuities of \$60,000 was divided up and distributed to each tribal member in 1844. Simultaneously, Fort Washita was garrisoned to protect tribal members who were bold or desperate enough to settle in the Chickasaw District. The leadership that had been missing since the death of Levi Colbert in 1834 was emerging and fostering a new sense of nationalism out of the tribe's minority status among the Choctaws. While the Chickasaws had been represented nominally on the Choctaw Council since 1841, they began petitioning for separation from them in 1842. They couldn't abide losing their identity by merging into the Choctaw Nation. So by this time, if not before, many realized that the Treaty of Doaksville had been a mistake.

But before these new chiefs could lead the tribe, they waged an internal struggle for power. Pitman Colbert allied with King Ishtehotopa in favoring the continuance of the hereditary king and clan form of government. As Colbert had received an education and could read and write English, the Americans thought he sided with the conservative faction led by the king so that he could control him. Colbert's son-in-law, an American educated Choctaw named Sampson Folsom, was a supporter who would later become one of the

Chickasaws chief negotiators with the Choctaws.

On the other side, Isaac Alberson was the elected Chickasaw district chief on the Choctaw Council; he was assisted by other elected officials including financial chief Edmund Pickens and future leaders Winchester Colbert, Cyrus Harris and Jackson Frazier.

Although the two sides were sharply divided, men from both sides would exercise leadership in the years ahead. But the culmination of the power struggle in 1845 occurred in occasionally fiery sessions at Boiling Springs, near Fort Washita. American officials, believing that Pitman Colbert couldn't be trusted to distribute the annuities fairly, supported Alberson and his council. So the \$70,000 annuity was delivered to them for distribution to tribal members.

With power in the hands of a capable group led by the highly respected Chief Alberson, the revitalization of Chickasaw government did begin, and practically guaranteed that the Chickasaws eventually would separate from the Choctaws. But the Choctaw Nation would not be complicit in attaining this goal both because its council didn't favor separation and Choctaws had a more important issue to negotiate with the U.S. government.

IV

Beginning in 1846-47, almost every action taken by the Chickasaw leadership appeared to be a necessary step toward reclaiming tribal sovereignty. Did the leaders have an orderly plan that they were meticulously executing? Probably not. But there is no doubt from this time on that the tribe's overall goal was separation from the Choctaws.

In the late 1840s, most tribal business was conducted at Boiling Springs. Perhaps its proximity to Fort Washita (12 miles) made it a safe location. Or maybe certain tribal members recognized that it was an important or even a sacred site, as some Chickasaws do today.

From 1846-48, the Chickasaws took formative but im-

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Tammy Stick winner of Cultural Evening design



Johnna R. Walker, left, presents the 1st place prize to Ms. Tammy Stick for the 2006 Chickasaw Foundation Cultural Evening T-shirt & Design Contest.



Tammy Stick is the winner of the 2006 Cultural Evening t-shirt and flyer design contest. Her "Traditions Never Ending" design was selected from

among a number of entries.

Second-place winner was Kimberlie Chapman and third place went to Charles Rose.

Please mark October 3 on

your calendar's for this year's Cultural Evening. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at Kullihoma.

Foundation receives ZOO FUNd grant

A ZOO FUNd for Kids grant has recently been awarded to the Chickasaw Foundation by the Oklahoma Zoological Society.

The grant will provide classes at the Oklahoma City Zoo for Ada Head Start students, and Upward Bound and Drug Elimination Program students.

Additionally, the Oklahoma City Zoomobile will travel to visit Head Start students at Ardmore, Tishomingo, Madill, Duncan and Sulphur.

Upward Bound students enter summer session at Murray State

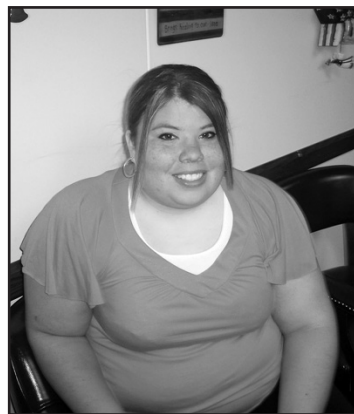
Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students and parents attended the annual summer orientation meeting May 20 at Murray State College.

Attendees received information on summer session rules and began checking into Murray State dormitories May 29.

For the summer, all Upward Bound students take classes in mathematics, science, Spanish, English composition and literature, computer, life skills, lab procedure and recreation.

Students enjoyed a "welcome back" dance.

Kyla Hawkins is summer youth



Kyla Hawkins

The Chickasaw Foundation welcomes summer youth worker Kyla Hawkins.

Ms. Hawkins is 19 and plans to work for the tribe while attending East Central University. She is a member of Blue Baptist Church in Connerville, and she enjoys softball, attending church and being with friends.

Upward Bound kids



Upward Bound Students from left, Camelia Hamil, Candace Maxey, Hayley Pittmon, Rebecca Moore, Brittany Waldrop and Lilnita Lozano.

Donating to the Charitable Contribution Plan helps many good, local causes

Tribal employees enjoy the wonderful opportunity to donate to local charities and organizations through the Chickasaw Foundation. The Employee Charitable Contribution Plan allows a payroll deduction by employees for local good causes, and contributors gain a terrific tax deduction at the same time.

Tribal Housing Division employee Kay Perry had the following to say about her participation in the plan:

"I contribute to the Chickasaw Foundation through payroll deduction because I believe our lot in life it to hold each other up.

"Whether we forgive those who make mistakes in life and help them grow emotionally, help a struggling employee or co-worker by giving them the patience and tools they need to succeed, understand that we all need love and guidance regardless of our income level, what side of the 'tracks' we live on or just simply remember to smile in



Kay Perry

the face of adversity, I believe with all my heart that we are put here on this earth to take care of one another.

"I am in awe of the leadership of the Chickasaw Nation and the many programs that promote healthy lifestyles, home ownership, preservation of culture, care and respect for elders, education, and on and on and on.

"My reason for contributing is simply because it's the right thing to do and because I feel I owe the Chickasaw Nation for the many opportunities they have given me. Pass it on!"

Scholarship deadlines

Deadlines have been extended for two important Chickasaw Foundation scholarships.

Applications for the John Bennett Herrington Scholarship and the Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship have been extended to July 14, 2006.

The Herrington Scholarship provides up to \$10,000 annually to a full-time junior or

senior at a four-year college or university. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in engineering, mathematics, physics, chemistry, geophysics, or natural science.

The Musgrove Scholarship is a \$250 scholarship designated for a Chickasaw adult part-time student, age 25 or older, with a finance or accounting major.

Scholarship review



Ms. Melanie Thornton reviewing scholarship applications for the Chickasaw Foundation.

The Chickasaw Foundation will honor its scholarship donors and recipients July 25 at 6 p.m. at the Pontotoc Technology

Center in Ada.

This will be the Sixth Annual Scholarship Reception. Everyone is welcome.

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portant steps to revitalize their government at the same time that crop yields were exceeding what tribal members actually needed. Laws were passed by the tribal council and salaries set for officers; the top salary of \$500 was drawn by the district chief. Requests to build and staff a boarding school for Chickasaw boys were made annually to no avail. By this time, the tribe had arranged to have several young men educated at good schools in the eastern U.S.

In 1848, six experienced and relatively well-educated tribal delegates spent the summer in Washington representing the tribe. That fall the first constitutional convention was held at Boiling Springs; the constitution created a council composed of two distinct departments, one of which was headed by the "Chief of the Chickasaw people." Such a designation and calling the meeting a constitutional convention were clear signs of the tribe's goal.

Another constitutional convention, presided over by Pitman Colbert, was held three years later at Post Oak Grove (now Emet). Several offices such as national treasurer and auditor were added to strengthen Chickasaw government. Two of the polling places listed were Boiling Springs and Good Spring, which re-enters this narrative more prominently a few years later. Holding the convention at Post Oak Grove instead of Boiling Springs could be the sign of stepped-up emphasis on politics. And it could have signaled that gradually, Chickasaw settlement (or at least Chickasaw leadership) was moving west into the tribe's district.

From 1848 on, delegates to Washington were a Who's Who of Chickasaw leaders; most were mixed blood, slave owners, ambitious and relatively prosperous. But the first among equals by 1852 seems to have been the Choctaw, Sampson Folsom. Well-educated and well-placed, he was the son-in-law of influential Pitman Colbert and was related to Choctaw Chief Peter Pitchlynn. Folsom remained in Washington representing the Chickasaws for the next five years.

He, Edmund Pickens and Benjamin Love negotiated a treaty

with the U.S. in 1852 to sell the remaining Chickasaw lands east of the Mississippi—another essential step in preparing for separation from the Choctaws. The year before, the U.S. finally allowed the Chickasaws to open their first church-affiliated school west of the Mississippi, the Chickasaw Manual Labor Academy—a boarding school for 60 students. Within three years, three more boarding schools had opened: Bloomfield and Wapanucka academies, both for females, and the Colbert Institute.

V
By 1854, there were two main obstacles preventing the Chickasaws from getting together with the Americans and the Choctaws to fashion a separation treaty. One was a dispute between the Choctaws and Chickasaws over the eastern boundary of the Chickasaw District. The two sides met at Doaksville and settled the problem, but did not, as Arrell Gibson wrote in *The Chickasaws*, nearly reach an agreement on separation.

Before a treaty of separation could be drafted, both the Choctaw and American governments had to be persuaded that it was justified. Most Choctaws apparently opposed separation. The Chickasaws hired Luke Lea, a former Indian Affairs commissioner to represent them. And they cranked up the propaganda machine, according to Gibson. He provided a sampling of Chickasaw messages that contained incendiary words such as tyranny, oppression and travesty.

Another form of persuasion was cash payments. Apparently certain members of Congress expected to be paid to influence the issue in the Chickasaws' favor. The need for such payments is suggested in the documents, but supporting records haven't surfaced. At any rate, the U.S. Indian Affairs office by 1854 supported separation and "very much regretted" the Choctaws' negative stand on the matter.

When the Chickasaws, Choctaws and Americans met in Washington for discussions, each group had its own top priority. The Chickasaw priority was separation from the Choctaws. But Pitchlynn said they wouldn't discuss it until the

federal government addressed their "net proceeds" claim. This referred to a substantial amount of removal expenses that the Choctaws claimed the federal government owed them. The Americans were sympathetic with the Chickasaws but primarily concerned with relocating Plains tribes in the western portion of the Choctaw Nation.

The Choctaws appealed their "net proceeds" claim to President Franklin Pierce, who did not intervene. They threatened to break off talks and go home. But the U.S. was determined to get an agreement. So Pitchlynn and his consultants offered to submit their claim to the U.S. Senate for settlement. Further, they offered to lease the western land to the federal government. Finally, although they could not sell their land to the Chickasaws, they would agree to some kind of separate jurisdiction for them.

When the U.S. and Chickasaws accepted this proposal, the negotiations picked up speed in June 1855. Still, a thorny dispute between the tribes and federal government over the amount of compensation that the U.S. should pay the tribes for the perpetual lease of their western land again threatened the talks. Secretary of War Jefferson Davis was called upon to mediate. With his prestige, the secretary induced the U.S. negotiators to raise the compensation in the treaty from \$600,000 to \$800,000 (three-fourths for the Choctaws and one-fourth for Chickasaws based on population).

The \$150,000 paid by the Chickasaws to the Choctaws to gain full authority over the Chickasaw District probably wound up in the hands of the tribal officers and consultants who expedited the process. What the Choctaws did with the money was not Chickasaw business.

The treaty, signed on June 22, 1855, was the subject of an article that ran in the May 2006 *Times*. The full text of the treaty is on the internet. But few if any Chickasaw notes from that period of negotiation have survived. Chief Pitchlynn wrote a report to the Choctaw people; we have a copy in our archives. But if there was a similar report to Chicka-

saws, we don't have it.

VI

After both tribes and the U.S. Senate had ratified the treaty in early 1856, the Chickasaw leadership began planning for the creation of the independent government of the Chickasaw Nation. Again, details of the sessions during the spring and summer are lacking. But it is probably safe to say that by the time the Chickasaws convened on August 1, a republican form of government patterned after the American model had been selected.

The mass convention was held in Tishomingo (named after the late Chickasaw war chief), which would serve as the tribe's capital. The tribal members assembled under the arbors built for the occasion on the banks of Pennington Creek and surrounding a nearby spring simply and aptly named Good Spring.

After the business of the Chickasaw District was closed out by its elected representatives, an all-male Constitutional Convention was called to order. Jackson Kemp was elected chair; perhaps he was a compromise choice as he had not previously held a top post. But he had been a tribal interpreter, suggesting he had had schooling. He was a man of means. In 1847, records show he owned a large amount of livestock, 52 slaves and raised 110 bales of cotton and 1200 bushels of oats on land near the Red River.

Following a few organizational matters, Kemp called a recess so the members of the constitutional drafting committee could begin their work. Their names are unknown, and since we have none of their notes, we don't know about their debates, discussions, arguments. We don't know how they worked or where, although in August, it was likely under an arbor.

We do know that the constitution called for a government similar to that of the U.S. Why? Some of the delegates had attended American schools, and were familiar with and doubtless admired the American model. Although the tribe had no political parties at this time, these men were the forerunners of the Progressive party movement that was begun later in the century.

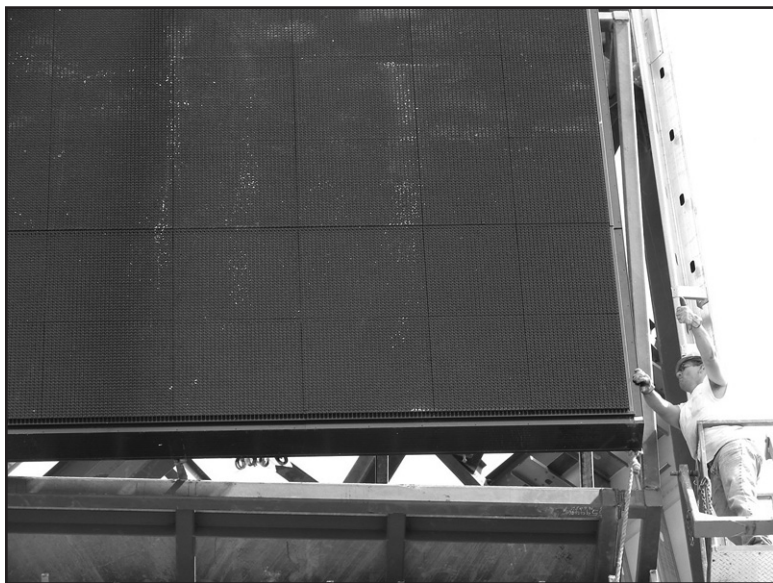
The framers of this constitution divided government function and power into three separate branches: executive, headed by a governor, not a chief; a two-house legislature; and a three-tier judiciary. Much of the constitution involved establishing a system of public education. Polygamy was forbidden, but suffrage was limited to males at least 19 years of age and the legislature could not emancipate slaves without the owner's permission. In a way, this last provision was a harbinger of the Chickasaws disastrous alliance with the Confederacy five years in the future.

But August 30 was a day of celebration in the new Chickasaw Nation. The delegates reconvened, and the document was probably read aloud in Chickasaw to those assembled. (We know the document had not yet been printed.) The constitution was then ratified and signed at Good Spring probably in the log Council House. The leadership in 1854 had paid Charles Flint \$505 to build the small structure as their temporary site of government. (That Council House is housed today in the museum named for it in Tishomingo.)

To some of the oldest Chickasaws, this celebration must have been bittersweet. Their homeland and ancient social organization were only memories. But so was Removal. The tribe had survived a forced relocation and tenaciously regained its freedom. So, they had reason to believe that the new leaders were as capable in their way as chiefs their grandmothers had told them about, Payamataha, Mingo Ouma, Piomingo and Tishomingo.

These new leaders had created a constitution to help the people adapt to the new age and guide their descendants. Its content has evolved, but the spirit of that 1856 constitution still shines in those who will commemorate its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary this August 30.

New Riverwind casino at Goldsby nearing completion



A constuction worker signals to the crane operator as they place the large electronic billboard at Riverwind Casino.

GOLDSBY, Okla. - Construction crews are on target to complete Chickasaw Nation's Riverwind Casino, the state's largest casino, by mid-July.

Two large electronic billboards were recently installed high atop a soaring façade over the north entrance.

Riverwind Casino will feature a 1,500-seat, multi-tiered, state-of-the-art Showplace Theatre for concerts, comedians and other entertainment. There is also a smaller 77-seat River Lounge.

The 219,000-square-foot facility will also include two restaurants, a food court, 2,200 electronic gaming machines, more than 70 black jack and poker tables, and an off-track betting lounge.

"We're about 80% complete on over all construction," said Brad Fortner, Chickasaw Enterprises chief development officer. "We will start moving furniture into the back offices the middle of next week and begin installing computers and electronic games the following week."

Construction began in July, 2005 on the facility. Fortner said good weather and hard work by all construction crews and Chickasaw Enterprises employees have been the major factors for keeping the project on track.

"For a facility of this size, this is a very quick turnaround with regard to construction, he said. It's really unprecedented and we've been very pleased with how this project has been progressing," said Fortner.

Applications available for Riverwind jobs

Applications are still available for jobs at the Chickasaw Nation Riverwind Casino, scheduled to open in July.

Riverwind expects to employ approximately 1,800 in various fields from accounting to human resources, surveillance, maintenance, food service and more.

"We offer a great working environment, good pay and excellent benefits," said Susanne Woolley, Chickasaw Enterprises chief administrative officer.

Full- and part-time positions are available.

Full-time employees are eligible for a complete benefits package.

A number of benefits are also available for part-time employees, including paid medical insurance and paid vacation time.

Potential applicants are encouraged to visit www.cejobsearch.com for more information on positions available,

including job descriptions and qualifications.

You can apply online at www.cejobsearch.com or www.chickasaw.net.

Employee training will be provided for employees at the northern training facility located near the Riverwind Casino site.

Federal background checks are required for employees working in gaming facilities.

Chickasaw Words

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Yesterday	oblaashaash	South	okaamahli
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Noon	tabookoli	cha	hashaakottola'
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Thursday, September 7, 6-9 p.m., Community center gym, Amy VonTungeln, Hannah Corsello

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Monday, August 7, 6-9 p.m., Community center, Keith Shackelford, Franklin Nelson, Jr.

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Tuesday, August 15, 6-9 p.m., Area office GED classroom, Curtis Willis

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Monday, August 14, 6-9 p.m., Community center, Pat Cox, Scott Colbert

Pauls Valley

Monday, August 14, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Senior Site, Pat Cox

Connerville

Thursday, September 7, 12:30-1:30, Senior Site, Pat Cox, Regina Berna, Amy VonTungeln

Camp Survivor winners



Members of the Chickasaw Nation Health System stand proudly in the sun after winning the Camp Survivor employee challenge. The employee challenge is a competition to test out the obstacle course before campers arrive. Team members, from left, Wade Boyles, Justin Busey, Neva Harjochee, Adrienne Ferguson, Norman Bradsher, Stephen Shelton, Lisa Rhynes, Robynn McCann, Whitney Hollingsworth and Jason Gray.

Chickasaw Dance Troupe performs for student leaders

CHICKASHA, Okla. - Members of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe recently shared a cultural presentation with students from across Oklahoma who were participating in the 2006 Youth Leadership Oklahoma program.

The troupe demonstrated several traditional dances while teaching the students about

Chickasaw history and culture. Students were also able to join the troupe and participate in several of the dances.

Tim Harjo of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department explained the legend and cultural belief behind each dance and shared some stories that have been passed down through generations.

"These dances are very spiritual for Indian people," Mr. Harjo said, "but we come out and share them with you so we can preserve our history and our culture."

The students also enjoyed a presentation by LaDonna Brown of the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia Department about ancient Chickasaw culture and archaeol-

ogy dating back to times before European contact.

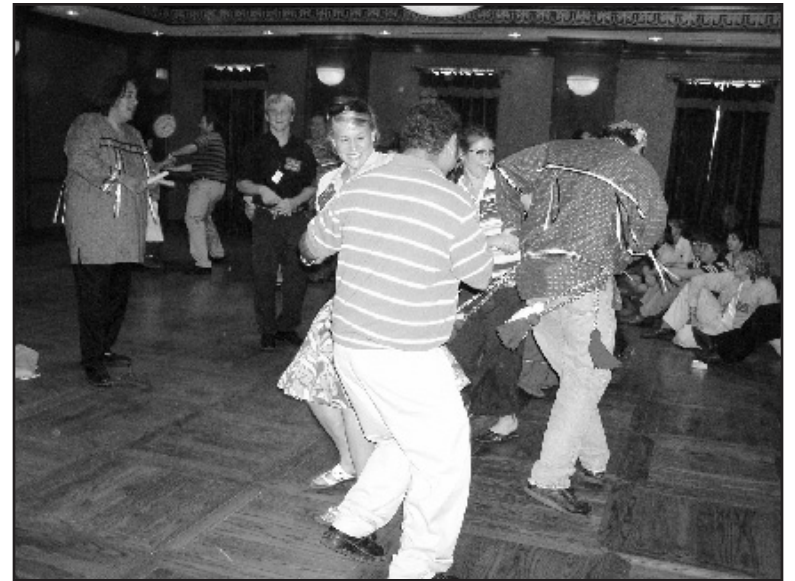
The presentation was part of a Youth Leadership Oklahoma week-long bus journey across the state that introduces high school students to the leaders, issues, resources and cultural

treasures of Oklahoma. It took place at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, which rests on land bequeathed to the university by a Chickasaw citizen nearly a century ago.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Members of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe perform traditional dances for students participating in Youth Leadership Oklahoma on the campus of the University of Science and Arts in Chickasha, Okla.



Several students joined in with the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe during a cultural presentation at the University of Science and Arts.

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'Its About Money'

Who's rich among us might surprise you



By **ROSS HILL**
CEO
Bank2

How many millionaires do you know? Not too many is my guess. According to the World-Wide Wealth of High Net Worth Individuals survey, one in every 125 Americans are millionaires. Wow! Less than one percent of us are millionaires. Are you surprised?

Making money is easy. Keeping it is the hard part. Author Dave Cole has a few tips for becoming a millionaire. There are mathematical laws that govern how money will work for you over time, reaping greater and greater rewards. These laws are laid out in detail in the book, "The Working Life Of A Dollar."

According to Cole here are at least five things you can do to become a millionaire.

1. Write down your present monthly income and expenses. Next, see where you might be wasting money on foolish items. Where can you cut expenses and use that money for your future. Plan a monthly budget, and stick to it.

2. Get out of debt. Just as money compounds interest going up, it also drains money out of your pocket when you pay out interest. Only make purchases on your credit cards when you have the cash in hand to cover the expense.

3. Always pay yourself first. A minimum of 10% of your monthly income should be reserved for your future. The more you can pay yourself, the quicker your financial goals will be met.

4. Give a portion of your earnings to help others less fortunate. Just as the mathematical laws governing the compounding of interest are unbreakable, this is a Spiritual law that is unbreakable.

5. Pick a proven investment vehicle to place your money.

According to CNN/Money, the United States produced the most new millionaires in recent years. The report predicted that the wealth of millionaires would continue to grow at a high rate, 7 percent annually through 2008. Will you be among them? You

might not make it by 2008, but like the tale of the tortoise and the hare, slow and steady will win the race. Few ever get rich quick. But with a little bit of planning and systematic savings over an extended period of time, you might just find yourself among the millionaire's club.

One closing thought. Certainly not everyone will become a millionaire in his or her lifetime. But everyone has the potential for becoming one of the richest people in the world. Here is what I mean. Consider this real life story.

A friend of mine recently had lunch with a business associate. During the course of the lunch my friend was told that he was one of the richest men in the

world. My friend replied, "You must have me confused with someone else." Not really was the response. My friend had it brought to his attention that he had a great job, a wife that loved him, fantastic kids, great health, an inspiring church and many loyal and devoted friends. Whoa! Talk about being rich. Life isn't about how much money you accumulate, the size of your car or the length of your driveway. No, the richest among us are those that have learned the value of family and friends.

For sure we need to be wise with our money but we need to be wise with our relationships as well. Take some time today to look over your bank account but don't forget to invest in

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Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who

would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to The Chickasaw Times, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

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April 2006 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for April 2006 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

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All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades 1 through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the Month in the Tishomingo District are **Megan Cardinalle** and **Dewayne Clark**, Tishomingo Elementary, **Melissa Stewart** and **Jordan Branam**, Tishomingo Jr. High.

"Megan Cardinalle is a very responsible and dedicated student," said Rosanna East-eding. "She has complete respect for her peers and teachers. She is an excellent representation of an all-around Chickasaw student."

"Dewayne Clark is a respectful young man. He is always willing to help someone in need," said Crystal Gilbert.

"Jordan Branam, is an excellent student. He works hard and makes good grades," said Donna Owens. "He is conscientious about getting his work done and coming to class prepared. He treats his fellow students and teachers with respect. Jordan participates in the academic team. He is a leader on the team and in the classroom. Jordans positive attitude is an example for his classmates."

"Melissa Stewart is an excel-

lent student. She works hard and her grades reflect that hard work," said Donna Owens. "She shows respect to her peers as well as her teachers. Her ready smile and positive attitude are influences on there she comes in contact with. She participates in sports and choir. She is willing to actively participate in classroom discussion and activities. Melissa is an excellent candidate for Student of the Month."

Students of the month for the Pontotoc District are **Jazmine Black**, Lexington Elementary, **Adam Walker**, Latta Elementary, **Jordyn Snow**, Lexington Jr. High, **Chaylum Hogue**, Byng Jr. High, **Kelly Chatfield**, Byng High, **Kyle Wood**, Stratford High.

"Jazmine Black is an outstanding girl. In 30 years of teaching, I've seen very few children who are as mature and kind as she is," said Meredith Jones. "She is calm, quiet, very sweet and loving. She applies herself to her studies and is well liked by her peers. We did some composition writing last week, called 'The Kindest Person I know.' I expected candidates like Mom, Dad, and Aunt, Uncle or friend. Surprisingly, two students chose Jazmine as the kindest person they knew. She reminds me not to do things that are wrong. She reminds Brady to put his name on his paper so he won't get punished. She shares everything. She has a good heart and is kind to everyone. She helps me when I'm hurt. She reminds people of the right things to do. She shares her things with people. She is a sweetheart! Jazmine attends JOM after school. She has fair attendance record and excellent classroom participation. Her work ethics are good and her positive, responsible attitude is so remarkable that other students take note. Her reputation sparkles with desirable qualities. She is a dandy!"

"Adam Walker is a good, hard working student," said Mrs. Barton. "He has been on the

Honor Roll all year. In addition to academics Adam is a good, kind hearted kid, He is a real pleasure to be around."

Jordyn Snow is a seventh grader at Lexington Middle School. She is a well rounded individual. She is an excellent student with a good work ethic. She is civic minded and strives to produce a positive school environment for her peers. She is honest, responsible and has great attendance. She is involved in band, vocal, gifted and talented and 4-H. Jordyn's outstanding grades, hard work, and jovial disposition makes her the perfect candidate for Student of the Month."

"Chaylum Hogue is an outstanding student both in and out of class," said Lisa Souza. "He is very conscientious, always turning in quality work on or before the due date. He strives to do his best. Excellent grades are a top priority for Chaylum. He is also a pleasant young man. I cannot think of any student who would be more deserving of the award."

"Kelly Chatfield is a very motivated young lady. She is ranked 1st in her class of 82 graduates," said Retha Askland. "She plans to go to college and major in nursing. She will be successful due to her drive and determination which she exhibits in her school work on a daily basis. She is very deserving of being selected Student of the Month."

Kyle Wood is an extraordinary young man," said Angela Martin. "I've had the opportunity to be around Kyle in various settings. He is always polite and friendly and he has a very fun sense of humor. He is a very talented athlete and works hard to be an excellent all-around student. Kyle is in my opinion, a model student."

Students of the Month for the Pickens District are **Whitney Hunt**, Plainview Elementary,



Melissa Stewart



Jordyn Snow



Chaylum Hogue



Kelly Chatfield

Tanner McCage, Thackerville Elementary, **Max Walters**, Plainview Jr. High, **Haley Sperry**, and **Ryan Huggins**, Ardmore High.

"Whitney Hunt is a delightful young lady," said Kim Woods. "She is quiet and attentive in class. Her grades are always above average and she works hard to keep them that way. She has many friends and sets a good example for her peers. It has been my pleasure working with Whitney in the classroom for the last two years."

"Tanner McCage is a very hard working student," said Gwen Bailey. "He is very athletic and has maintained good grades. He sows leadership qualities in both the classroom and during sports. He has a very pleasant personality and is a role model in his classroom."

"Max Waters is a happy young man with a terrific personality.

Max really likes to have fun," said Kim Woods. "If it isn't fun, he would rather not participate. He is a good student and has many friends. I don't believe I have seen Max be rude or disrespectful. He does well in school and keeps his grades up. He is athletic and creative. He is a



Haley Sperry

good role model and sets a good example for his peers."

"Haley Sperry is outgoing and determined. Great grades and is focused. Ambitious and athletic," said Deana Craighead.

"Ryan Huggins is sweet spirited, kind hearted and a focused athletic," said Deana Craighead.



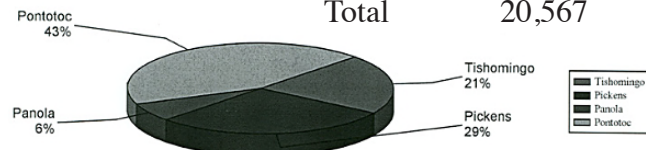
Max Waters



Ryan Huggins

Count of Voters by District

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Pickens	5,912	Pontotoc	8,942
Total		20,567	



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Students of the Month in Tishomingo District are **Hunter Russell**, Tishomingo Elementary, and **Jay Lane**, Ravia Elementary.

"Hunter Russell has a delightful attitude and personality. She is a very good student and a joy to have in class and at school in general."

"Jay Dylan Lee Lane is the son of Tina Lane and the grandson of J.D. Lane. Jay's hobbies include: riding 4-wheelers, camping, playing basketball with his friends and participate in Little Dribblers and spending time with his family and friends. Jay is a third grader at Ravia School. When Jay grows up he wants to be a firefighter."

Students of the Month for the Pickens District are **Katie Grant**, Plainview Elementary, **Breyden Brookshire**, Wilson Elementary, **Tyler Cathey**, Wilson Jr. High, **Skye Austin**, Ardmore High School and **Ellis Knight**, Ardmore High School.

"Katie Grant is a wonderful young lady," said Kim Woods. "She is very polite, kind, quiet in her demeanor. I don't know a time when Katie has been disrespectful to her teachers or

her peers. Katie is not new to our school but is new to our program. She had just begun tutoring to increase her math grade. She is very close to attaining a place on the Governor's Honor Roll and is working very hard to make it this 3rd nine weeks. I am very proud of Katie and very pleased to have her in our program. Katie has not discovered her potential for success. It is my goal to help her see how really wonderful she is and how limitless her future is."

"Breyden Brookshire works consistently to finish work, studies and prepares for classes and tests," said J. Asbery. "He is conscientious and aware of what's needed to be a good student. He is respectful and thoughtful of others."

"Tyler Cathey has an 89 average in my American Government class," said Marsha King-Bartling. "He is always prepared for class. He never misses assignments and studies for his test. Tyler has a pleasant personality and always contributes to classroom discussion appropriately. Tyler makes my job easy!"

"Skye Austin is an extremely outgoing, talented, ambitious and focused girl," said Deana Craighead. The "Skye's" the limit!

"Ellis Knight is extremely athletic, scholar, and focused," said Deana Craighead.

Students of the Month for the Pontotoc District are **Maebee Abney**, Latta Elementary, **Wyatt Jones**, Lexington Elementary, **Meleah Underwood**, Stratford Jr. High, **Jeremy Wingard**, Latta Jr. High, **Ashley Anderson**, Latta High School and **Broc Bryen**, Lexington High School.

"Maebee Abney is a good student academical-



Katie Grant

ly and accepted well socially," said Fran Cantwell. "She is a good citizen in our classroom. She always wants to help her classmates, she is also a responsible helper for the teacher. She has a winning personality and is well liked by all. Maebee is well behaved and has a learning spirit to be admired."

"Wyatt Jones is an exceptional young man," said Meredith Jones. "He excels academically, athletically, and morally. Wyatt has a huge heart and is kind to everyone. He often puts others before himself. He is well liked by his peers as well as adults. He gives 100% effort in anything he attempts. He is a straight 'A' student and a medal winning athlete. He has a strong sense of right and wrong and is extremely trustworthy. In addition to being a proficient leader he is also a talented artist. He has real zeal for learning and will go far in this world."

"Meleah Underwood is a delightful and bright young lady," said Angela Martin. "She is always very polite and is very helpful at home and at school. She is very active in school

events. Her actions show lots of pride in her school, community, and her heritage. She is very deserving of this award."

"Jeremy Wingard is a very smart and well liked young man," said Terry Painter. "Jeremy is an exceptional student especially in History. He has lots of hobbies and is always willing to help out someone in need. I feel Jeremy is very deserving of this honor."

"Ashley Anderson is a very productive leader at our school," said Stan Cochran. "She has a positive outlook and she works hard to achieve

her goals. She is helpful to others and always makes very beneficial contributions to her classes. She is very deserving as Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month."

"Broc Bryen is an excellent candidate for Student of the Month," said Meredith Jones. "He possesses natural leadership abilities. He is dedicated student and excels in every subject. He is a well-rounded individual. He not only participates in baseball and basketball but also choir. In addition to school activities, Broc is very active in church. He shows respect for his fellow classmates as well as the faculty. He is a wonderful example for everyone."

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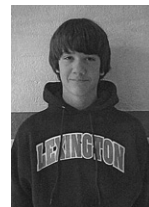
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Transcriptions of Chickasaw Chiefs in the Summer of 1736

By RICHARD GREEN Contributing Writer

The Chickasaws and Carolina had been trading partners since at least the 1690s. But in 1733, a new British colony, Georgia, was established that was closer to the homeland and potentially could be another badly needed trading partner. So after the dust had settled following the Battle of Ackia, a delegation of twenty Chickasaws traveled to Georgia in the summer of 1736. Two chiefs among them were identified as Postubee and Mingobemingo.

They hoped to meet the colonial governor, James Oglethorpe in Savannah, the town he had founded less than a year before. Although the colony, named for George II of Great Britain, was intended to be an “asylum” for English debtors, these Chickasaws hoped that Georgia and Carolina would supply the armaments that were critical to the tribe’s survival.

They met with Oglethorpe and later the Reverend John Wesley, and portions of both meetings were transcribed. We learn that Postubee was a young man while Mingobemingo was old. That’s an intriguing combination in light of the Chickasaw belief that elders were (and are) venerated for their wisdom. Why then would a young man be permitted to negotiate such serious and sensitive matters? Perhaps Postubee was acknowledged to have had exceptional powers.

Postubee could be the Pastabe, who is mentioned in the Carolina colonial records, assisting the English traders James Adair and John Campbell in 1746 in negotiations with the Choctaw chief Red Shoe. Author James Atkinson, who in combing through the colonial records to research his book, did not find the name Mingobemingo anywhere else. The name means chief of chiefs and probably was miscommunicated.

En route, the delegation visited with their brothers, the Savannah River Chickasaws (see January 2006 *Times*) in early July. Historian Edward Cashin writes that these homeland Chickasaws got conflicting advice about their mission. They were warned away from Savan-

nah, possibly by rival English traders, calling it a “French town.” Others encouraged them to visit Oglethorpe, who was identified as a “red man’s child,” either by someone who didn’t know him, or was speaking symbolically.

Despite the conflict, the Chickasaws had journeyed hundreds of miles and were within 120 miles of Savannah. Besides, the rumor of Oglethorpe’s “Indian blood” probably was too tantalizing to pass up. Canoeing south in the Savannah River, they reached the town of Savannah on or about July 12 and had their first meeting with the governor.

Although the participants would have smoked the calumet, and had other welcoming ceremonies, Postubee—in what purports to be a transcript—got right to the point: “We have many Enemies, and beg Powder and Shot.” Mingo bemingo: “We walk about very poor, we want Guns.”

After Postubee complimented Oglethorpe on the town he had founded, Mingobemingo, with possibly a wry sense of humor, broached the subject of the governor’s “Indian blood.” “We heard you was a Red Woman’s Child...but now I have seen you, I believe you have as white a body as any in Charles Town.”

“I am a Red Man,” answered Oglethorpe, who may have paused theatrically, watching for signs of incredulity or confusion, before adding that he was “an Indian in my heart....”

“We believe you are a Red Man in your heart,” said Postubee, complimenting the man who held the key to more arms and ammunition. The chief’s next remark could have been meant as another compliment or teasing, if he were alluding to the governor’s “Indian blood”: “We have brought our wives and children to see you too.”

They talked about going to see some “great houses” and “great water” and Mingobemingo, in referring to them, said, “if you bid us, we will go over it.” Seven years later in 1743, Oglethorpe did take an unidentified Chickasaw chief with him across the “great water” to London.

Mingobemingo told Oglethorpe that they were warned that this trip was risky.

If Savannah were a French town filled with French men, the chief would “die quickly.” But since he was “an old man...it was time for me to die. He also told Oglethorpe that they might have stayed until winter, but that they would have to return home soon. The Chickasaws in the homeland have too many enemies and his “wife is an old woman, and I believe every man would take care of his wife.”

In a second talk held on July 13, the recorder of the transcript didn’t identify the “Chickasaws” who made their case for a trade agreement. After reiterating their need for bullets and powder, they listed some of their enemies, adding that the paper (being used as a record of the meeting) “would not hold them all.”

To illustrate the perilous situation of the Chickasaws and the British, for that matter, an unidentified Chickasaw drew a map in the sand. The Chickasaws and British were represented by circles, presumably the British to the right (or east) of the Chickasaws. Both were apparently encompassed within a larger circle representing the French and their allies. Although the sand map was not described in detail, it probably resembled a map that was painted a year later on a deerskin and given by Mingo Ouma to an Alabama chief to share with their French allies. Because it was copied by a French engineer, Alexandre de Batz, the map has survived and is reproduced here from the original by Chickasaw artist Joshua Hinson. It depicts “nations friendly and hostile to the Chickasaws.”

In referring to Ougoula Tchetoka and Ackia (two Chickasaw towns unsuccessfully attacked by a French-led contingent earlier that year), a Chickasaw war chief said that “seven hundred men came into our Towns twice, but have not killed us all, for some you see are alive yet.” Since the French-led armies were decisively defeated, this was quite an understatement!

His next declaration was an overstatement. He said that the French had forts in all of their allies’ nations, and “keep them always in readiness to send against us.” And although France was never able to keep

its Indian allies in guns and bullets, the speaker continued, saying the “people of Carolina promised white men and arms, but never sent them.”

After the governor promised them gunpowder, the Chickasaws wanted to know if he believed the report that the French would use “great guns” in their next attack. The Chickasaw said the tribe didn’t believe they could do it. Oglethorpe agreed, but said they would bring grenades. Saying he was “bred to war,” perhaps as a claim to credibility, Oglethorpe advised them to counter-act the grenades by not concentrating warriors behind the walls of the fort, but by fighting in the open.

The meeting went well for the Chickasaws. Historian Cashin wrote that Oglethorpe sent an urgent appeal to the Duke of Newcastle, the British Secretary for America, to send help to the Chickasaws. He also sailed to London to persuade officials to give him a regiment of men.

At the meeting with the Chickasaws were Oglethorpe’s assistant, the Rev. Charles Wesley and his brother, the Rev. John Wesley who would later found the Methodist religion. But in 1736, John was in the business of saving Indians’ souls. In his diary, he noted that on July 20, he met twice—at nine and five—with five of the Chickasaws (no word of other fifteen) and an interpreter, who had previously met with the Chickasaws and Oglethorpe. Wesley identified the two Chickasaw speakers as chiefs Paustoobee and Mingo Mattaw. Atkinson inexplicably wrote in his book that the war chief Paya Mattaha “was probably the Chickasaw” at the meeting, meaning I assume the latter name.

Wesley wrote that the Chickasaws came to see him; if so, it was probably because they thought Wesley had influence with Oglethorpe, not because they wanted to discuss comparative religions. At any rate, Wesley afterward produced a transcript of him asking questions with the Chickasaws answering. While the transcript must represent only a fraction of their time together—especially if they had two sessions—the record reveals interesting, in-

triguing and inscrutable tidbits about Chickasaw religion and the tribe’s beleaguered position against the French and their Indian allies. Postubee answers the first question, but we don’t know if he continues speaking or if others respond. The transcript is in a Q&A format.

In answer to Wesley’s questions about a deity, Postubee said they believed there are “four beloved things above: the clouds, the sun, the clear sky and He that lives in the clear sky.” He added that there are “two others with him in the clear sky.” Although those two are not mentioned again, the one who lives in the clear sky seems to be superior. At least he has identified powers. They don’t know if he made the other beloved things, but they believe that he made all men “out of the ground.”

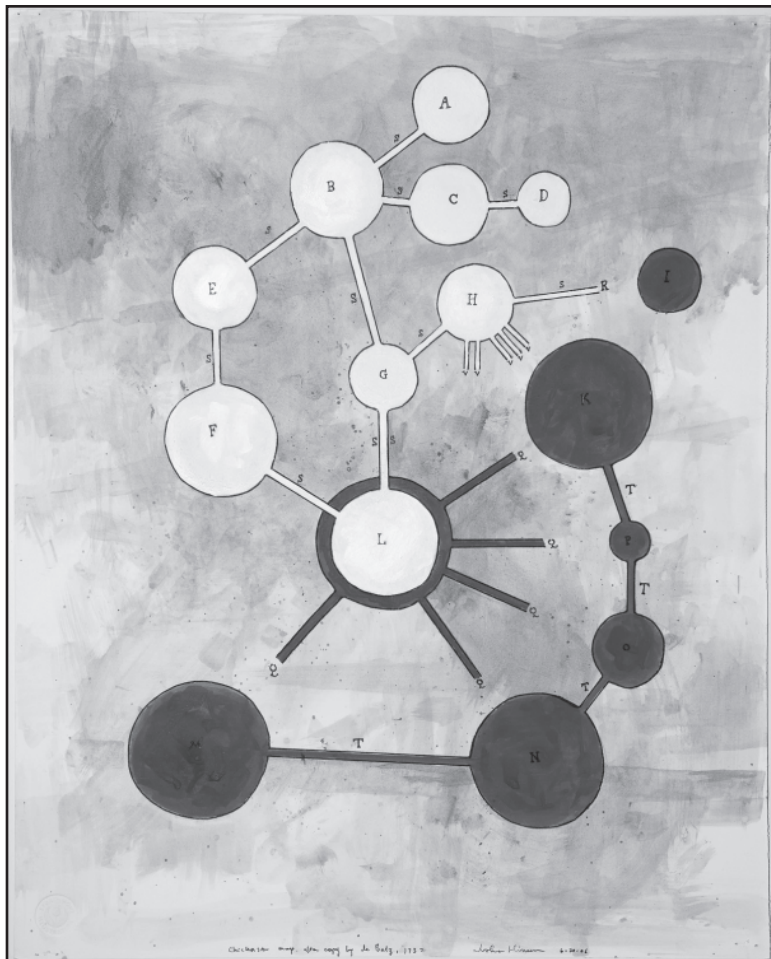
From childhood, a few are singled out by the Beloved One to be divinely inspired and taught the knowledge of the tribe’s religion and history. Young men, like those present, strive to learn this knowledge as most of the elders have done. The tribe doesn’t know if the Beloved One loves them (“I cannot see him”) but they believe that he has often saved their lives. They don’t know if he will continue to save them from their enemies, but they know he can destroy their enemies.

Asked for elaboration, the speaker recalled a time when on a very hot day, “the beloved clouds came for us,” and “rain and hail came upon the enemy.” And another time, when the French and Choctaws and others came to attack one of their towns, the beloved ones in the sky caused a noise (like drums, guns and shouting) to be made under the ground. This noise so frightened the attackers that they left their meat, drink and guns behind. The speaker said he had often heard such noise before battles.

Before the last battle with the French, presumably Ackia, the warrior thought “we should all die,” until in a dream he heard the loud noise which signified to him that the beloved ones would

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On the deerskin map, north is to the left. The Chickasaws, L, who appear in the middle of the map, are almost completely surrounded by French-allied tribes. Among those painted in red were the Huron and Iroquois, M, the Illinois and Miami tribes, N, Arkansas, O, and Chakchiuma, P. The Chickasaw circle was painted white, as the Chickasaws claimed "only good words come from their villages." But the ring around it was painted red to symbolize the blood that had been spilled during the recent wars. Friends, such as the Lower Creeks B and C, Yuchis, D, and Cherokees, F, were painted in black circles. The paths going to them were white, S. Of special note to the French were red warpaths, Q, that did not connect with enemy villages because the Chickasaws said they hoped to turn the paths white by making peace with those tribes. This included even the Choctaw, K. "Chickasaw map after De Batz 1737" by Chickasaw artist Joshua Hinson.

help them. Then just prior to the battle, he heard in the sky the blast of 100 guns and knew the "beloved ones would help us conquer our enemies. And we did so."

The beloved ones were always in their thoughts, in war and peace, before and after battles, "whenever we meet." This Chickasaw man knew the concept of souls and agreed with Wesley that when people died, good people "go up" and bad people "walk up and down" near where they died, although he implied that not all Chickasaws felt the same.

Wesley offered them the opportunity to learn from the Bible but the warrior said they "have no time now but to fight." They have "so many enemies round about us that I think of nothing

but death. And if I am to die... I will die like a man." He added somewhat plaintively that if "we should ever be at peace, we should be glad to know."

This last remark was delivered in the context of their being in Georgia asking for badly needed weapons and supplies. Even though Wesley referred to them in his diary as "ignorant heathens," they were evidently smart enough to know not to insult the English missionary.

Toward the end of the transcript, Wesley disingenuously brought up the French, (knowing they are the enemies of these Chickasaws) and this warrior did not disappoint, by dispatching the "black kings" (French missionaries) with a disparaging remark about their not leaving safe havens and stat-

ing his (and their) preference for the English.

There is no record of other such exchanges and according to Wesley's diary, he and his brother Charles departed from Savannah for Charles Town on July 26. In his journal, John Wesley wrote that the Chickasaws were "humble and teachable (qualities scarce to be found among any other of the Indian nations)." They have "so firm a reliance on Providence, and so settled a habit of looking up to a Superior Being in all the occurrences of life, that they appear the most likely of all the Americans to receive and rejoice in the glorious gospel of Christ."

While the Chickasaws felt totally reliant on providence, Rev. Wesley was incorrect and arrogant to think that he could

induce them to discard their strong religious beliefs in favor of his own.

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Learning how to eat healthy and lose weight with 'Get Fresh'



Kathy Bean, 44 pounds lighter, shows off her old jeans.

The bikini-clad women who grace the cover of magazines may be inspiration for some women to lose that winter hibernation fat. Men and women, both young and old, may want to achieve a sleek physique to display their arms in a sleeveless top or brave the public in shorts.

However, none of these reasons was the inspiration for Kathy Bean, a food demonstration specialist for the Chickasaw Nation, to lose 44 pounds.

Her inspiration was the "Get Fresh" healthy cooking and nutrition education shows presented by Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services.

Last year, Mrs. Bean started hosting healthy cooking demonstrations for Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services in Ardmore. Her zest for life and down-to-earth warm personality made her a hit with the crowd and earned her comparisons to cooking-show legends like Emeril.

Despite her love for her job and adoration from her clients, who are at least 90 percent low-income families, she still felt guilty. After preparing healthy meals and giving families proper nutrition education information, she would not hesitate to stop by the nearest fast food restaurant

and order a burger, fries and a soda. She was living a double life.

Her guilt led her to contemplate quitting her job. Something had to change, she thought, and it did. That something was her dress size.

Mrs. Bean's 5'4" frame went from packing 40 extra pounds and wearing a size 16, to a slim size six. Her motivation was not a supermodel or ideal size, but a more abundant life.

"I just wanted to live longer and have more energy," she said. "Whether I ever lost a pound or not, I feel better."

The "Get Fresh" program is a monthly interactive cooking show designed to demonstrate how to use nutritious foods for everyday cooking. The classes are free and everyone is welcome. During food demonstrations, cooks incorporate simple ingredients and as many USDA commodity items as possible to create a quick and healthy dish full of essential nutrients and vitamins.

Themes include "Get Fresh for Spring," using fresh seasonal ingredients, "Cooking in the Fast Lane," geared toward quick and easy meals and "Meals for One or Two," for cooking smaller portions. The shows are

conducted four times monthly at the Ada, Ardmore and Purcell Nutrition Services buildings. Demonstrations are also conducted at the Ada Family Life Center.

Mrs. Bean said the cooking shows promote the new food pyramid, which is how she shed her pounds.

Low income family members receive a free \$4 gift for attending, and nutritious recipes are distributed.

Nutrition education program manager and registered dietician Sarah Miracle said the program was restoring the old Native American principle of eating close to the ground. The key, she said, is simplicity.

"We want to prevent diseases by educating people on simple changes," Miracle said.

Changes include things like draining ground beef in a colander and then running warm water over the meat to reduce the fat. These are little changes that may add up big and prolong life.

The program has expanded since its inception about three years ago. The classes have grown and more staff has been added. Miracle attributes this growth to the hands-on experience the instructors provide. She said when participants actually watched the food being made and tasted the food to verify its quality, they were more apt to adopt a healthier style of cooking.

Mrs. Bean also has "Simmer and Serve" sessions where she periodically prepares meals around lunch time to peak the interest of WIC or food distribution participants. The food demonstration specialists also conduct outreach programs where they go to Head Start classrooms and senior sites to provide nutrition information.

Roy Perry has been attending the classes twice a month for over a year. He and his wife now maintain good eating habits.

"Food is a great incentive," Mr. Perry said. "We get to eat good food and have the best cooks around."

If you are looking for something for your kids to do for the summer, why not take them to a live cooking show? For more information contact 580-436-7255.



Girls in the audience savor the results of the "Get Fresh" cooking demonstration.

Peggy Saunkeah a candidate for Pontotoc County Clerk

Peggy Grisso Saunkeah has announced her candidacy for the position of Pontotoc County Clerk. Mrs. Saunkeah her Mother, Gladys Grisso, worked in the Pontotoc County Assessor's office for over 40 years; and, since she grew up in the Courthouse, it has always been a dream that she would one day work there.

Mrs. Saunkeah has lived most of her life in the Ada community. She attended East Central University pursuing a degree in business administration before transferring to Florida International University where she earned a pre-law degree, graduating with academic honors.

Upon returning to her hometown, she was employed for seven years as office administrator for the law offices of Taylor and Morris. She is currently working as a paralegal for Mayhue & Stafford, Attorneys at Law, which allows her to do the work that she enjoys and has done for the past 27 years.

In addition to her professional work, she is the President of the Legal Studies Advisory Board for East Central University and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1202. She is annually involved with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and an advisory member of the Oklahoma Bar Association's Legal Assistant Services Committee.



Bobby and Peggy Grisso Saunkeah

Mrs. Saunkeah and her husband, Mr. Saunkeah, have been married for 22 years. Bobby is employed with the Chickasaw Nation as the Manager for the Diabetes Clinic. They are members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ada. Mrs. Saunkeah's father, Arthur Grisso lives with them since Mrs. Saunkeah's mother's death two years ago.

She has expertise in management, budget, payroll, personnel, and computer technology and all court and county records. She said her strong points are organizational and people (interpersonal) skills, as well as her honesty, integrity and willingness to do the best job possible. She is not afraid of hard work and looks forward to serving the people of Pontotoc County.

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Minutes, continued from page 2

The motion to approve GR23-067 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-068, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Garvin County, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging and warrant title to same, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-068. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-068 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-069, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 0.32 acres, more or less, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging and warrant title to same, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-069. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods,

Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-069 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wilson Seawright

Mr. Seawright announced the Chikasha Reunion was scheduled for June 22-25 at Kullihoma, and the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 1856 Constitution will be in August. Mr. Seawright concluded his report.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-064, Resolution in Support of the Lighthouse Police Department to Participate in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and State of Oklahoma Deputation Agreement

This resolution updates General Resolution No. 22-007, specific to the Deputation Agreement negotiated between the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Law Enforcement Services and Security (OLESS) and the State of Oklahoma pertaining to the cross commissioning of law enforcement agencies from the several agencies to strengthen law enforcement capacity and cooperation within the state and tribal territories. That agreement was fully executed January 23, 2006, and the Lighthouse Police Department has initiated discussions with local law enforcement agencies to participate in the agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR23-064. The motion was seconded by Ms. Briggs.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes vote

The motion to approve GR23-064 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Humes commented on the Indian Tax Credit Bill which

Resolutions, continued from page 6

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth-Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-078

Approval of Lease Agreement

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to lease property in Lee County Mississippi, from the Archaeology Conservancy, for a period of 99 years and in the amount of \$10. The property will be used for the tribe to build an educational and interpretive center.

This resolution is presented as Emergency Legislation.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth-Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 23-005

Amendments to Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislation and Legislation)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that the term Committee Chair is uniform and all references to the CFR Court are corrected to the proper court of the Chickasaw Nation.

Requested by: Scott Colbert,

was being considered in Congress, an Incorporation Act for the Chickasaw Nation, and car tags for Chickasaw citizens.

Ms. Juanita Tate made comments regarding the 1856 Constitution. She encouraged Chickasaws to read this historic document.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Chairperson

Presented by: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 23-006

Amendments to Title 10, Chapter 2, Sections 10-202 and 10-203 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Consolidated Government Budget)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 10, Chapter 2, Sections 10-202 and 10-203 of the Chickasaw Nation Code by

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

separating the financial plan of Chickasaw Enterprises from the Consolidated Governmental Budget and making it a supplement to the Consolidated Governmental Budget. Such amendments would simplify the budgeting process for both the Executive and Legislative Departments.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Linda Briggs, Committee Chair

Finance Committee

Yes Votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Obituaries

Roger Dean Overton, 57, died in Las Vegas, June 5, 2006.

He was born May 31, 1949 to Willis N. Overton, Jr., and Sophia Little Bear in Stockton, Calif.

He spent his youth in Southern California and Catalina Island, Avalon, California where he enjoyed sports fishing and was a musician (guitarist) with the "Early Time Singers" entertaining tourists on the island.

He was a member of the Osage Nation. His grandfather was Hayes Little Bear, original Osage allottee.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Sophia and Harry Dahlberg of Duncan, Okla.; a son Roger Little Bear Overton of California; two

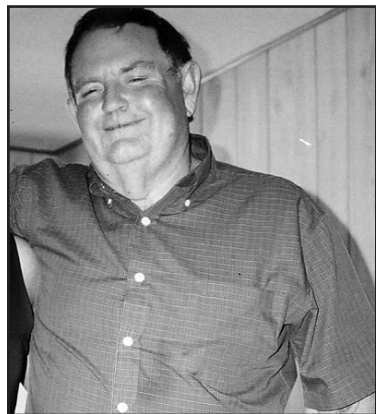
sisters, Mickie C. Overton of Tennessee, and Nakomis A. Sullivan of Florida; three brothers, Hayes N. Overton of California, Ruel W. Overton of Oregon, and Mike A. Overton of Marlow, Okla.; an aunt, H.L. Haskins of Oklahoma City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, W.N. Overton, Jr., a Chickasaw; his grandfather, Gov., B.F. Overton of the Chickasaw Nation; his step-mother, Parnchand Overton, a native of Thailand.

His cremated remains were interred in the family plot at Pawhuska City Cemetery.

His wishes were, no services. A Catholic Mass was said in Midwest City, Okla.

Hulett Foster



Hulett C. Foster, 57, of Newcastle, Okla., died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, in his sister, Mona's home, surrounded by his loved ones. Graveside Services were June 2, 2006, at Norman I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Mr. Foster was born October 17, 1948, in Norman, to Oma and H.C. Foster. He attended Norman Public Schools and graduated from Norman High School in 1967. He attended the University of Oklahoma. He was a proud member of the Chickasaw Tribe, and a direct descendant of Winchester Colbert, the first territorial governor of the Chickasaws. His family and friends were important to him. He brought great joy and laughter to those who knew him and those in his presence. He loved to tease his great-nieces, Carson and Chloe, and nephew, Joshua. He had a great love of the land, his animals and especially his dog, Queenie. In the last two years he started a successful trucking company in which he took great pride.

During his final days, two "angels" came to comfort and care for him, Stephanie and Denice. We give thanks to them.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by a son, Jayson Foster and wife, January; three grandchildren, Dalton, Destiney and Dakota; four sisters, Hazlette Farr and husband, Amos, of Fort Gibson, Okla., Mona Troxell and husband, Jerry, of Norman, and Dawn Ellison and husband, John, of Norman, and Ona Wallace of Oklahoma City; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and two aunts.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund, 623 N. Porter Ave, Norman, OK 73071. Cancer Society and Diabetes Foundation would also be ap-

propriate memorial donations.

Honorary bearers will be Larry Stewart, Kenneth Stewart, Jerry Stewart, Steve Randals, Amos Farr, Jerry Troxell and John Ellison.

Send condolences online at <http://www.havenbrookfuneral-home.com/Obituaries.html>

Mabel Pike

Mabel (Keel) Pike, 84, of Sitka, Alaska., died April 9, 2006.

She was born Oct. 23, 1921 in Isom Springs, Okla., to Guy and Louisa (Hayes) Keel.

She met Joseph Nathaneil Pike while both were attending Haskell Institute Indian boarding school. She was Chickasaw and he was Creek.

In 1948 they and their son, Ben, moved to Sitka from Warm Springs, Ore. She worked as a cook at Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital and he was baker for Mt. Edgecumbe High School. They later divorced and he died in 2003.

An outgoing woman, she enjoyed traveling and visiting with people. She liked being outdoors and until her health limited her activities she took lots of walks around town.

She is survived by a son, Ben Pike of Gilbert, Ariz.; and two grandsons, Denzi of Gilbert and Jacob of Long Island, N.Y.

At her request she was cremated and her ashes interred in the garden of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Mary Ruyle



Mary Sue Cisco Ruyle (Kitty), 1/2 Chickasaw, died March 2, 2006 at Dallas, Texas.

She was born Dec. 20, 1937 in Milburn, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Ruyle; a daughter, Janice Ruyle; and a sister Evelyn Moody.

She is survived by her sons, Terry Ruyle and wife Kim, and Jerry Ruyle and wife Given; a daughter, Donna Keubler; four grandchildren, Madelaine, Dustin, Shaun and Janice; two sisters, Allene Parker and Marlene Hoffard of Wylie Texas.

She was a very kind and loving woman.

We all loved her very much and will always miss her.

Lou Holmes

Lou Emma (Walton) Holmes, 87, died June 7, 2006 in Shawnee, Okla.

She was born April 25, 1919 in Lindsey, Okla., to Samuel Lafayette and Lilly Amelia (Moore) Walton. Born and raised in Lindsey, she lived in Enid, Okla., and Stroud, Okla., before moving to Shawnee in 1989. She graduated from Lindsey High School.

She married Virgil Holmes April 2, 1937 at Anadarko, Okla. He preceded her in death on April 2, 1985.

She owned and operated a restaurant in Eakly, as well as working several years as a home health care aid.

She was a Chickasaw Tribal Elder, member of the Church of God in Shawnee, where she was active in church missions. She had been active in Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls with her daughter.

She loved to quilt, bake and can jellies.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Bobby Dewayne Holmes; a sister, Jewell Harris; a brother, Jack Walton; and a granddaughter, Michelle Holmes.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn Lou and Andrew Miller of Manitou, Okla.; six sons and daughter-in-laws, Peter Lynn and Jeanne Holmes, of Carney, Okla., Meryl Dean and Wilma Holmes, of Stigler, Okla., Eric Earl Holmes and his companion Michael Balch of Phoenix., B.D. and Gilda Holmes, of Hulbert, Okla., Virgil Arthur and Wanda Holmes, of Shawnee, and Jerry Don and Becky Edler, of San Antonio; honorary son, Jack Dodge, of Oklahoma City; honorary daughter, Linda Fisher, of Kendrick, Okla.; 21 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Vera Bowlware, of Oklahoma City, Winona Bourland, of Kerrville, Texas and

Faith Ellen Pate of Shawnee.

Services were June 10, 2006 at Cooper Funeral Chapel with Don Pate, Church of God, Shawnee, officiating. Burial followed at Enid Cemetery.

Opal Graham



Opal Sharp Emerson Graham died May 30, 2006 from complications of Alzheimer's. She was born Sept. 26, 1922 at Milburn, Okla.

She lived in Durant, Okla., and Oklahoma City until 2000 when she moved to Texas.

She was preceded in death by her son, Joe Emerson; and beloved great-grandson, Trevor Townsend.

She is survived by two daughters, Dawn Fleming and husband Mark of Gillette, Wyo., and Carolyn Sally Cleaver of Colleyville, Texas; eight grandchildren, Mark Emerson, Oklahoma City, Kenny Emerson, Tulsa, Trent Townsend, Granbury, Texas, Kebra Vail, Euless, Texas, Khendra Schaffer, Colleyville, Keeley Garrison, Frisco, Texas, Mark Fleming, and Mike Fleming, both of Gillette; seven great-grandchildren, Clinton Vail, Ft. Worth, Texas, Cody and Cory Schaffer, Colleyville, Melissa Townsend, Granbury, Mallory Emerson, Kendall Emerson, both of Tulsa, and Brett Emerson, Las Vegas; and a beloved niece, Waukera Hanlin, Milburn.

Graveside interment was June 10, 2006 at the Highland Cemetery, Durant, where her ashes were placed between her parents, Mark and Lillie Sharp an original enrollee.

Marisha McCraw

Memorial services for Marisha McCraw, 18, were May 30, 2006 at First Baptist Church,

Healdton, Okla., with Duane Baker officiating. Interment followed in Milo Cemetery.

She died May 25, 2006. She was born August 4, 1987 in Ada, Okla., to Sandy McCraw and Faye Ponder.

Marisha always had a smile on her face. She was a natural athlete. She loved her family and friends very much and one special friend, Blake Hopson, who was to be the future son-in-law in the family. She loved life and being on the go. She also loved her second family, Kenny Pickelsimer, Carolyn Gaftineau, Dustin, Jennifer and Destin Bailey.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather and two uncles.

She is survived by mother and step-father, Kenny and Faye Ponder of the home; father, Sandy McCraw; two brothers, Kurt Smoot and Richard Ponder; two step-brothers, Corey Ponder and Cody Ponder; grandmother, Maxine Chase; two uncles, Travis Gillespie and Kinny Chase; aunt, Laveta Chase; niece, Makayla Ponder; and nephew, Kyle Ponder.

Pallbearers were Steven Welch, Blake Hopson, Kalen Langley, Dustin Davis, Brandon Williams, and Jesse James.

Honorary bearers were Kurt Smoot, Travis Gillispie, Phillip Payne, Kenny Pickelsimer, Michel Burks, and Skan Moore.

Miss Me – But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road,

And the sun has set for me.

I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,

Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long,

And not with your head bowed low.

Remember the love that we once shared.

Miss me – but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,

And each must go alone.

It's all a part of the Master's plan,

A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,

Go to the friends we know.

And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.

Miss me – but let me go.

Diann Anoatubby



Diann Jean "Whitey" Anoatubby died April 13, 2006 at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Ardmore, Okla.

She was born April 7, 1944 on Harvey Ranch near Ada, Okla., to Ruben H. and Rose Jane (Neal) Orphan.

She married Russel Anoatubby July 13, 1963 at Ada.

She moved to Ardmore in 1964 where she made her home for 42 years. She attended Byng, Ada and Latta schools. She was a homemaker and a wonderful mother. She loved her family, grandchildren and many friends.

She shared the love of arts and crafts. For many years she taught arts and crafts for the Ardmore JOM Summer Program and helped at the Chickasaw Festival at Tishomingo, Okla. She was very active with many activities that her children and grandchildren were involved in. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, doing beadwork and was a big OU fan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Eugene Ron Orphan.

She is survived by her husband, of the home; daughters, Loretta "Crickett" Anoatubby, Lou Anoatubby and Steve Taylor, Johna Anoatubby and Michael Hotema Jr.; grandchildren, Brookly Kay, Brayden "Bubba" Rain, Brianna Jean Anoatubby and Piper Jane Taylor, all of Ardmore; sisters, Lou Perry, Ada, and Dianna Bruner, Ardmore; brothers, Rubin Orphan, Ada, and Levi Orphan, Lightning Ridge; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She had two loving dogs, Misty and Tinkerbelle and four grandpuppies, Luci Lu, Boo Bear, Phoebe Ann and Rocky.

Dorothy Baken



Services for Dorothy Faye Baken, 54, Ada, Okla., were April 22, 2006 at Evangelistic Temple, Randy Wade and Anthony Beck officiating. Burial followed in Pontotoc Cemetery, Pontotoc, Okla.

Mrs. Baken died April 18, 2006, in a motor vehicle accident north of Asher, Okla. She was born April 9, 1952, at Talihina, to Isaac and Esterline Jefferson Tyson. She attended grade school at Pontotoc and graduated from Ardmore (OK) High School. She graduated from Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., with an associate degree in criminal justice. She attended East Central University, Ada. She was a drug and alcohol technician at Chickasaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles. She was an ordained minister with United Tribes for Christ.

She was well-known for her fried pies and her love for the ministry. She was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon L. Tyson; and two sisters, Ramona James and Pam Beck. Survivors include four sons, Jonas Camp Jr., Wendell Leader Jr. and Gabriel Baken, all of Ada, and Elisha Seth Baken, of the home; a daughter, Rhonda Camp, of the home; three grandsons whom she raised, Zachery Sealy, Jacob Sealy and Sean Sealy, all of the home; an aunt, Christine Keel, Nashville, Tenn.; three brothers, Harold Leslie Tyson, Hominy, Okla., Tony R. Tyson, Heavener, Okla., and Curtis Randall Tyson, Sherman, Texas; and three sisters, Hazel James, Morrison, Okla., Peggy Imhotichy, Oklahoma City, and Marcella Tyson, Talihina, Okla. Bearers were Trent Harry, Rick Roberson, Rick Ground, James Lewis, Tommy Baken and Jonathan Nail. Honorary bearer is Jace Tyson.

Albert James



Services for Albert James Jr., 56, Ada, were April 20, 2006 at Pennington United Methodist Church, Reagan, Okla., the Rev. Floyd Peters and Rufus Eyachabbe officiating. Burial followed at Troy Cemetery, Troy, Okla.

Mr. James died April 18, 2006, in a motor vehicle accident north of Asher, Okla. He was born Aug. 26, 1949, at Troy, to Prince Albert and Addie Sampson James. He attended elementary school at Troy and high school at Mill Creek. He married Ramona Tyson October 31, 1992 at Seeley Chapel in Connerville, Okla. She died April 18, 2006. Mr. James was a laborer in the landscaping business. He was a member of Pennington United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by a brother, John Raymond James; and grandmother, Delia Holderby. Survivors include a son, Albert Alexander, Oklahoma City, three stepdaughters, Denise Bynum, Ada, Okla., Donna Flores and husband Arnold, Houston, Texas, and Monica Folsom, Oklahoma City; 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a brother, Henry James, Ada. Bearers are Stephen Patrick, Sheldon Taylor, David Fort, James Culberson, Steve Bell and Hannibal Murphy. Honorary bearer is Arthur Patrick.

Ramona James

Services for Ramona Aileen James, 59, Ada, were April 22, 2006 at Evangelistic Temple, Randy Wade and Anthony Beck officiating. Burial followed at Pontotoc Cemetery.

Mrs. James died April 18, 2006, in a motor vehicle accident north of Asher, Okla. She was born Aug. 31, 1946, at Talihina, Okla., to Isaac and Esterline Jefferson Tyson.

She attended grade school at Pontotoc, Okla., and graduated from Chilocco. She attended Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla. She was of the Baptist faith. She was well-known for her fried pies. She married Albert James Oct. 31, 1992, at Seeley Chapel in Connerville, Okla. He died April 18, 2006. She was preceded in death by a brother, Vernon L. Tyson; and two sisters, Dorothy Baken and Pam Beck. Survivors include three daughters, Denise Bynum, Ada, Donna Flores and husband Arnold, Houston, Texas, and Monica Folsom, Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Johnna Woodruff, Jeremiah Woodruff, stationed in Colorado, Jana Woodruff, LaWana Sides, Tasha Sides, Morgan Sides, Christopher Stout, Ashley Flores, A. J. Flores, Alessa Flores, Johnathan Taylor and Amber Taylor; two great-grandchildren, Micah and River David; an aunt, Christine Keel, Nashville, Tenn.; three brothers, Harold Leslie Tyson, Hominy, Okla., Tony R. Tyson, Heavener, Okla., and Curtis Randall Tyson, Sherman, Texas; and three sisters, Hazel James,

Morrison, Okla., Peggy Imhotichy, Oklahoma City, and Marcella Tyson, Talihina. Bearers are Kwiana Imhotichy, Stacy Tyson, Tracy Lewis, Isaiah James, Jonathan Taylor and Josh Benson.

Honorary bearers are Harold Tyson, Tony Tyson, and Curtis Tyson.

Eva Lovelace



Eva Shenese Lovelace died June 6, 2006 at St. Josephs Hospital, Atlanta. Services were June 10, 2006 at Alpharetta (GA) First United Methodist Church with Dr. Donald Martin and Rev. Jane Nugent officiating.

She was born June 9, 1935 to Jess and Betty Betts. Her parents were members of the Chickasaw Cats and the Ada Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Doyle Lovelace; and a daughter Shena Lovelace.

She is survived by three sisters, Jimmie Dixson and husband Lee, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., Terri Cook and husband Jim, of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Jeannie Betts Lunsford, of Stratford, Okla.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was a licensed real estate professional since 1971 and a graduate of Realtor Institute - GRI. She was a life member of Atlanta Board of Realtors, a member of Georgia Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors and the Chamber of Commerce. She was a Phoenix Award Winner, a multi-million dollar producer, a member of the Million Dollar Club and a certified residential specialist.

A memorial service is being planned for the month of July at the First Baptist Church in Stratford with interment at the Betts Family Cemetery located southwest of Stratford.

